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Monument Effort Turns Bright Idea Into a Reality

For some local legislators and several committed volunteers, the far western end of Monument Park near Princeton Borough Hall would be something to behold at night—that is, if only it could be seen in the first place.

That could, it turns out, happen sooner than they once thought.

After a whirlwind $125,000 campaign to raise funds to light the Princeton Battle Monument, the Princeton Parks Alliance met its goal this past Saturday, April 29, at a Palmer House event, only six months after it launched its effort. As such, permanent lighting could be in place by summer 2007.

Outlined last October in a ceremony that temporarily lit the 80-plus year-old pylon commemorating the pivotal January 3, 1777 Battle of Princeton where Gen. Washington's army defeated the 1,200-strong, British army, the lofty goal of lighting the monument gained additional momentum because it had been one of the principal objectives of the late Borough Mayor Joseph O'Neill, who died just days after the temporary lighting.

After some private donations had brought the fund-raising effort into the four-figures earlier this year, Asm. Reed Gusciora (D-Princeton Borough) acquired a $50,000 Special Purpose grant from the state that took a large portion of the cost burden off the Parks Alliance.

That grant was followed by a $25,000 donation from Princeton University and $5,000 in private donations, moving the initiative beyond the halfway point.

A private fund-raising effort by Herb Hobler and Art Morgan took care of the rest, and "got us to the finish line in a very short period of time," said Mr. Koontz. The not-for-profit project began sometime in November, "and here we are, just several months later," he added.

Last year, Mr. O'Neill had begun conversations with Jefferson Road

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A LIBRARY BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF COMMUNIVERSITY: This view of the scene on Witherspoon Street last Saturday was taken from the third floor of the library. A photo spread appears on page 38. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Immigrant Boycott Hits Home

As hundreds of thousands of immigrants staged protests Monday in response to recent proposed strict legislation on undocumented immigrants and to promote immigrant appreciation in general, Princeton, which features a significant Hispanic workforce, felt the effects of what was observed as "A Day Without Immigrants."

The grassroots campaign, largely organized word-of-mouth, impacted area restaurants and builders, two industries that typically rely heavily on immigrant labor.

And while some businesses were forced to make ends meet with a reduced staff, the protest, as depicted in the nationwide media reports leading up to and after the event, were largely successful in drawing attention to issues that have long plagued undocumented immigrants:

"I think we're achieving a growing awareness in the public mind concerning the beneficial role of the undocumented immigrant," said Maria Juega, chair of the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund (LALDEF). "The myth that it's only the greedy employers exploiting them who are the beneficiaries of their work is false: it's the entire society that benefits," she said.

The economic contributions of immigrants, Ms. Juega added, not only through their work contributions, but the feeding of the economy through consumerism, needed to be spotlighted—an effort, she said, that has been successful.

Nassau Street's Triumph Brewing Company, with half of its employee base of Hispanic origin, had holes to fill in virtually every facet of its operations, from kitchen staff to waiters.

But Eric Nutt, Triumph's public relations manager, said the stance of the ownership was supportive: "We decided as a team that we are going to support our employees and allow them to attend yesterday's celebration—basically we had very few people here."

The owners and the restaurant's executive team took responsibility for much of the daily on-the-floor operations, he said.

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Looking Toward Littlebrook Preservation, Neighbors Target a 'Mansion' On a Hill

Property building rights, neighborhood preservation, and worries about increased stormwater flooding all took center stage last Wednesday as residents of the Littlebrook section of Princeton Township voiced their discontent with new development going up throughout the neighborhood.

And while this has been an ongoing concern of several neighborhoods throughout the Princeton community, the crowd of concerned residents, through a discussion organized by the joint-municipal Princeton Environmental Commission, were house specific: a 6,000 square-foot rebuild on a 1.75-acre lot at 73 North Littlebrook Road.

Wesley Derbyshire of Clover Lane, who can see the KP Burke Builders LLC home from his home a block away, suggested placing a cap on square-footage commensurate with the number of bedrooms in a newly-constructed house, while recognizing that such limits, if

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MATH IS FUN!: Last week's Family Math Night at Community Park School drew parents and children into games with hexagon, rhombuses, trapezoids and more. From left: Third grader Jessica Wang, her brother Kenny Wang, who is in first grade, and their mother Tracy Li, concentrate on the challenges set by visiting mathematician Tom Schersten, currently mathematician-in-residence in the Princeton schools.

Visiting Mathematician-in-Residence In Local Schools Shows That Math Is Fun!

On Wednesday, April 26, teachers at Community Park (CP) School took note as visiting Vermont mathematician, Tom Schersten, sat cross-legged on the floor and swapped parts of "cookies" for whole "cookies" with a group of kindergartners.

What may have seemed like child's play to the kindergartners had a serious purpose for the teachers. Mr. Schersten's "cookies" were die-cut brightly colored blocks of wood, known to educators as "manipulatives."

Immediately prior to the hour-long demonstration lesson with the kindergartners, Mr. Schersten, who is currently mathematician-in-residence with the Princeton Regional Schools, introduced teachers to the pedagogy of "manipulatives" in math.

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The wooden shapes used to introduce abstract math operations (including fractions) to kids as young as kindergarteners, offer "a fun way to learn that is visual, spatial, tactile, and kinesthetic," said Mr. Schersten.

"This works for those of us who think in pictures. Having a model to look at and to move about provides an opportunity to experience math with greater participation by the right side of the brain. By teaching math using both the verbal language of numerals and the visual/spatial language of images, we are allowing both halves of the brain to participate in the learning process. [The manipulatives] open math learning to kids with spatial, logical mathematical, or bodily kinesthetic intelligences."

Teachers can use the concrete model the wooden shapes provide to present math as a problem-solving tool. Mr. Schersten encouraged teachers to allow younger children to use pictures and to count on their fingers. Ultimately manipulatives are replaced by abstract conceptualization.

Math Residency

The demonstration lesson conducted by Mr. Schersten during his week-long residency in Community Park School is part of a district-wide Mathematician-in-Residence program in the Princeton Regional School (PRS) District's four elementary schools and John Witherspoon Middle School (JWMS).

The program began in Riverside School (RS) during the week of March 27 and Mr. Schersten subsequently visited Littlebrook (LS) and Community Park schools. He is currently in Johnson Park (JP) School and will be at JWMS for a few days during the week of May 15.

Elementary Math Team Leaders Kathy Murtaugh (CP), Jere Tannenbaum (LS), Ann Fletcher (JP), and Janet Zondag (RS), coordinated the residencies for their schools.

A teacher with decades of experience in Vermont

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schools, Mr. Schersten now provides mathematics consulting services throughout the Eastern states. He teaches techniques applicable to kindergarten through algebra and geometry and advocates using manipulatives for every concept and skill encountered in the k-10 math curriculum. He was Mathematician-in-Residence at the John Witherspoon Middle School in April 2004.

Demonstration

For last week's demonstration lesson in Demaris Rodriquez's kindergarten class, kindergarten teachers Janet Thomas, Sheila Aguilar, and Rachel James were joined by fourth grade teacher Michael Rodos, and Bonnie Lehet, mathematics supervisor for Princeton Regional Schools.

Mr. Schersten first drew a circle on the mat and asked the children to sit cross-legged on the floor outside of the circle. Inside the circle, he drew a second circle. The region between the two circles, he called "the alley." This was where the manipulatives were placed.

Kindergarten teacher Janet Thomas has found "the alley" to be a particularly useful tool when working with kindergartners. It's a classroom management strategy for establishing boundaries that she has adopted from Mr. Schersten.

Mr. Schersten began by using the idea of a cookie to introduce the children to wholes, halves, thirds, quarters and so on. With two halves one could "buy" a whole cookie. Along the way, he introduced words such as hexagon, rhombus, trapezoid. The lesson progressed with equivalencies until one child announced: "I'm going to make a hexagon with trapezoids."

"Mr. Schersten is doing more than teaching math, he's providing motivation for the teachers' own creativity," said Ms. Lehet. "Residencies such as this afford teachers the opportunity to share their ideas with one another about which techniques work, about what is challenging. Unfortunately teachers don't have a lot of time to collaborate with one another."

Ms. Lehet saw Mr. Schersten in action at the middle school in 2004 and wanted to invite him to work in Princeton's elementary schools. Thanks to a grant from the Princeton Education Foundation, she has been able to bring him into each of the schools for a one-week residency.

As well as being a fun math learning experience for students, the residencies offer valuable professional development for teachers. The weekly schedule includes demonstration lessons followed by debriefing sessions that focus on lesson content and teaching strategies.

The lesson for teachers was not confined to kindergarten, though. CP fourth grade teacher Michael Rodos found that Mr. Schersten's techniques could be adapted for other grade levels.

"The hands-on approach is so different from what students are used to. You would see the same thrill of discovery in my fourth graders that you saw in the kindergarteners. I probably wouldn't call them cookie pieces, though. We'd label them using their geometric names: hexagon, rhombus, and so on."

Mr. Rodos, who is in his twelfth year of teaching at CP, plans to adopt some of the ideas he's gleaned from the residency program to teach fractions to his fourth grade class.

"The funny thing is, we think of paper and pencil math as being real, and we think of manipulatives as toys," he commented. "But the opposite is really true. Written numbers represent sets of actual objects, and mathematical symbols stand for what is being done to those objects: grouping them together, taking some away, or cutting them in half, for example. With manipulatives, we're not limited to just writing about these operations, we can actually do them."

Each school has designed the residency to include lessons in a variety of grade levels for various topics. A portion of each week is devoted to teaching fractions to third grade students.

During the residency at CP, math team leader Kathy Murtaugh was thrilled to see third graders enthusiastically adding fractions with different denominators, a process that prior to Mr. Schersten's visit, she said, would have stumped the most gifted third grader. "Using manipulatives like the pattern blocks allows both visual and verbal learners to understand difficult math concepts. Best of all, however, is that they think they have been playing!"

Littlebrook math team leader Jere Tannenbaum concurred. "It was exciting to see both children and teachers equally engaged in the learning process. Using manipulatives such as pattern blocks or Cuisenaire rods makes math concepts in fractions, time, or money, concrete and accessible to all types of learners."

Family Math Night

As a part of each residency program in the Princeton Schools, a Family Math Night allows students to share the games they've been learning in the classroom with their parents. On Wednesday, April 26, parents at CP learned how to use the pattern blocks in representing and working with fractions. At the end of the evening, the students received a take-home pack of polyfoam pattern blocks and a fraction die to play the game that they had learned in class with their parents.

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Borough Revisits 'McMansions' Code; Responds to University Master Plan

Princeton Borough Council implemented recommendations from the Regional Planning Board and passed an amendment to stem oversized homes, using a standard formula based on floor area ratio (FAR). The amendment will effectively safeguard building applications already received by the Borough's building department.

The ordinance, two years in the making, originated amid resident concerns that houses out of character with surrounding homes would be built, or that property owners would build to a lot's previously allowed capacity. In the Borough's R-1 zoning district, which makes up its western section, a property owner had been allowed to build a 15,000-square-foot home on a 20,000-square-foot lot. Now that limit has been reduced to 5,000 square-feet — a 25 percent FAR.

Single-family dwellings in the Borough's R-2 district are limited to a 30 percent FAR, and those in the R-3 and R-4 districts are limited to 40 percent FAR.

Council was willing, however, to revisit an amendment recommended by the Planning Board that would call on neighboring property owners to discuss height to setback ratios with respect to any sideyard. Council members, with Councilwoman Barbara Trelstad abstaining, passed the measure, but said the amendment would be subject to further consideration.

In other news, representatives of Princeton University continued to tour a new, pedestrian-friendly master plan for long-term planning of its campus. In addition to addressing specific parts of the campus, such as the Engineering Quadrangle, the area around 185 Nassau Street, and the future of the area near University Place and Alexander Street, the master plan promotes a general increase in density as well, rather than perpetuating a so-called sprawl campus.

The overall planning project, which has already been through public review by Princeton Township Committee and the Planning Board, "is still in the very early stages," University Vice President and Secretary Robert Durkee said, but the overall project is receiving "high-level" attention, including that of University President Shirley Tilghman.

Neil Kittridge of Beyer Blinder Belle, the architect and planning firm contracted by the University in the planning effort, delivered the bulk of the presentation, focusing on pedestrian and vehicular mobility, a restoration to landscaping in keeping with some of the oldest parts of campus, while raising the possibility of expanding P-Rides, the University's campus-wide jitney.

As expected, the presentation was a lead-in for some ongoing Council concerns in regard to campus development. Coming on the heels of Council's resolution of a zoning ordinance that allows for more developable space on the Engineering Quadrangle between Olden Street and Murray Place, Councilwoman Wendy Benchley said the new master plan could serve as a platform for "cross-fertilization" between the University and municipal relations. Councilman Roger Martindell echoed that sentiment, calling for institutionalized and regularly occurring discussions between University and municipal representatives.

Ms. Benchley also encouraged increased signage toward campus from Route 1 and other main throughways, adding that enhanced "wayfinding would add vitality to both town and University." She also repeated her calls for a Central Park-type area, possibly on the vacant University lands in West Windsor.

Responding to Mr. Kittridge's suggestion that the Dinky shuttle could one day serve as a Bus Rapid Transit leading to areas other than to the Princeton Junction at West Windsor station and back, Councilman Andrew Koontz, a rail commuter, said to proceed with caution:

"Replacing the Dinky with a bus would cause a lot of red flags," he said, adding, "People might be less inclined to use it."

Council President Peggy Karcher said increased development would eventually lead to an increased obligation to provide affordable housing per requirements put forth by the state's Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

Mr. Durkee said that while increased development would have to include an obligation to provide housing. "We don't have a specific location to point to right now." He added that Mr. Kittridge's firm was consulting the University on that end.

"We know that we'll have this obligation and we know that it has to be part of our planning process," Mr. Durkee said.

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Monument Effort

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resident Charles Stone, a partner with the architectural lighting firm Fisher Marantz Stone, who agreed to work on the monument's lighting. The Park Alliance hopes to enter into a formal contract with Fisher for the actual design. The design phase runs concurrent with a separate state project overseeing the cleaning of the monument and the rehabilitation of the architectural structure. Mr. Koontz said the Parks Alliance would work closely with the state for the "greatest efficiency.

"We don't want to have a situation where stone is taken up and rehabilitated, put back down, and then be out of coordination with the state" should wiring and other electrical conduits for the lighting need to be installed.

After the design phase is complete, the Alliance will employ an electrical contractor.

Addressing Borough Council last month, Parks Alliance member Kevin Wilkes said he hoped for a January 3, 2007 event celebrating the 230th anniversary of the Battle of Princeton.

Mr. Koontz said that January was a "generous target" for permanent lighting at that point, repeating the accepted wisdom that summer 2007 would be a more reasonable goal.

—Matthew Hersh

Summer Volunteer Jobs Available at the Library

Princeton Public Library is seeking summer volunteers entering grades 7 through 12 to help out with the annual summer reading clubs as well as with various other activities.

Potential volunteers are required to attend one of four orientation sessions scheduled for Tuesday, May 30 at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday June 7 at 6 p.m., and Saturday June 10 at 10:30 a.m. All sessions will be in the library's second floor Conference Room and registration is required.

Volunteers will work with the Youth Services librarians and help the younger readers sign up for the annual summer reading program, which starts on June 15, and distribute prizes to those readers that meet the club's goals. Volunteers will also help the librarians with other tasks such as craft and game programs and shelving of library materials. High school volunteers may be asked to accompany librarians to outreach programs at Recreation Department camps in the area.
Volunteers are asked to work at least 10 hours during the summer and need to commit to a regular schedule, but the library will be flexible about working around vacations and other activities.

Applications for interested teens can be found online at www.princetonlibrary.org/teens/volunteers or at the Youth Services desk on the third floor at the library. The application deadline is June 3. The number of volunteers accepted is limited and preference is given to library cardholders.

To register for one of the orientation sessions or for general information, call Susan Conlon or Allison Santos at (609) 924-9529, ext. 240.

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— Grace Willard, Leigh Avenue

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— Josh Worby, Princeton

"The food! It's excellent. Also the music. I'm not sure of the name of the band near Chambers Street but they were great." *— Beverly Broadway, Princeton*

"The people. I love the people on the street. I have more interest in the people than in anything else."

— Sally Davidson, Poe Road

Reorganized School Board Sings Post-Budget Blues

Following the April 18 election, the Board of Education reorganized its membership, welcoming returning board member Joshua Leinsdorf and two new members, Rebecca Cox and Mia Cahill, and calling for nominations for president and vice president.

Architect Michael Mostoller, now in his second term on the board, was nominated and endorsed as board president on Tuesday April 25, replacing Ann Burns who stepped down after six years.

Mr. Mostoller thanked the board for their support and spoke briefly about Princeton's schools. "I think that the most successful aspect of our schools is their academic excellence. This is a tremendous achievement and thanks are due to the devoted teachers and administrators. What I think can be improved is attention to everyone's learning motivation and level of achievement, whether in the classroom, or on the fields, in the band room, orchestra, or studio. Seeking ways to motivate all the student population is a challenge to both students and faculty. Excellence can be achieved in one area, and transferred to others, including athletics and the arts, as they interact with academics."

Among the principles that will guide his tenure as Board President, Mr. Mostoller listed the need for schools to address multiple intelligences (academic, physical, social, emotional, ethical) and to strive for excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. "They all count, they work together," he said.

"School is a 'working' environment with organizing, teaching, coaching, mentoring and peer relations at its heart. We must address scholarship, creativity, and disciplined hard work. School is a microcosm of its community, with diverse backgrounds and experiences. We must provide a rich variety of choices, opportunities and learning situations. School is the students' world. We must concern ourselves with motivation, spirit, and creative processes."

Finally, he said, "School is paid for by taxes. We must practice economy, good housekeeping, wise management, and careful planning."

Board member Alan Hegedus was appointed vice president in place of Mr. Mostoller. In thanking the Board, Mr. Hegedus urged other members of the community to consider Board membership.

In her report to the Board, Superintendent of Schools Judith A. Wilson said that notice had been taken of the poor voter turnout at the polls on April 18. While she was pleased that the 2006-07 budget had passed, she said that the poor turnout sends a clear message that something must be done and that the board must not be complacent.

While voters in the Princeton Regional School District approved a $72.44 million budget for the 2006-2007 school year by a vote of 830-631, voter participation in the Borough and in the Township was lower than in recent years. Voter turnout was 5.55 percent in the Borough and 10.54 percent in the Township. Last year, 9 percent of Borough voters and 13 percent of Township voters turned out for the election.

Board member and election analyst Joshua Leinsdorf, who was re-elected to a second term on April 18, went further. "We know we are on the edge," he said. He urged teachers and students to turn off the lights when leaving classrooms.

Privatization of Public Schools?

Board member Jeffrey Spears observed that what we are seeing in Princeton is the beginning of the selective privatization of our public schools. What is at stake, he said, is the core of our education. We must deal with unfunded state mandates and testing requirements. He urged the community to put pressure on state legislature.

He said: "Because of S1701 school districts around the state are dismissing staff and charging fees for such routine extras as sports and after-school clubs. Princeton is not at that point yet, but if the government keeps increasing unfunded mandates while keeping a hard cap on spending, we will be forced to charge more and more fees, in effect privatizing aspects of public education. The core problem is not the management of school districts, but the fact that the state could not afford a 30 percent cut in income tax and still maintain services and relieve property taxes without borrowing money. Unless legislators of both parties face up to the general revenue issue, public education in New Jersey will go into the same downward spiral that it did in California in the wake of Proposition 13."

Mr. Hegedus endorsed Mr. Spears's comments and added that the margin in support of the 2006-07 School budget in the Borough was much less that in the Township. The budget passed in Princeton Borough by only 22 votes and was approved in Princeton Township by only 177 votes. He described the Borough vote and the low turnout as a 'cry of despair" which has been heard by the board.

Grant Application

At last week's meeting, the Board approved a grant application for $300,000 to the Carol M. White Physical Education Program, which would be used to meet new state and federal physical education standards and local wellness policy for K-12 students over a 36-month period from Fall 2006 to Fall 2009.

The grant would be used to purchase technology for assessment and data management for specific fitness- and nutrition-related services. The funds would also support professional development, new fitness equipment, and subcontracts with community organizations and local government agencies.

World Languages

Superintendent Wilson reported that the Princeton Regional Schools World Languages Program has been commended by the State Department of Education as a K-12 model program. For the last four years, the district's world languages program has been a model for K-8. With this designation for 2006-2008, PRS is the only district in the State to receive K-12 model program recognition. Ms. Wilson congratulated the world languages staff and K-12 Subject Area Supervisor Priscilla Russel for their stellar achievement.

The next Board of Education Meeting will take place at 8 p.m. on May 23 in the John Witherspoon Middle School.

—Linda Arntzenius

READY TO SERVE: The Princeton Regional School District welcomed two new board members to its ranks on Tuesday, April 25. Rebecca Cox (left) a former financial journalist who lives on Madison Street ran unopposed to fill one of two available seats in Princeton Borough. Ms. Cahill, an attorney who lives on Ridgeview Road, was elected in the Township in the only contested race for a seat on the Board of Education. *(Photo by Matt Sanchez)*

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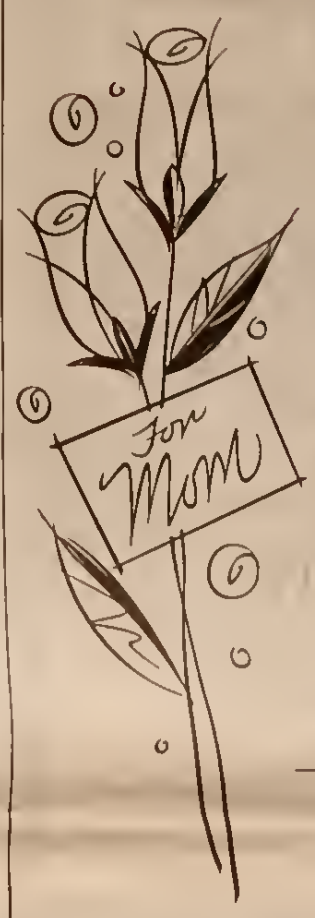

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Heirloom and Native Springtime Plant Sales: Morven, Master Gardeners, Bowman's Hill

Upcoming weekends in May offer Princeton area gardeners several opportunities for acquiring heirloom species as well as New Jersey natives.

As the spring bulbs give way to May's peonies and irises, the Morven Museum and Garden will host its annual Heirloom Plant Sale this Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Morven

Restored and opened as a museum since 2004, Morven is the former New Jersey Governor's Mansion. It was the 18th-century home of Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The home's grounds include a formal garden, beds of heirloom annuals from the 18th and 19th centuries, and a recreation of a Colonial Revival style garden planted early last century.

The sale features varieties grown especially for Morven and time-tested varieties of clematis, hardy roses, lilacs, irises and peonies and more than 100 species of hard-to-find annuals and perennials for sun or for shade. Native plant enthusiasts will find woodland classics such as Jack-in-the Pulpit, Snakeroot, Solomon's Seal, Woodland Phlox, Joe Pye Weed, and Turtlehead.

Morven's Heirloom Plant sale is open to the public with free on-site parking. For tickets or more information, call (609) 924-8144, ext. 100.

Friends of Morven can enjoy a preview of the sale on Friday, May 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. A preview is also available to those who attend the Museum's garden party on Friday, May 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets for "Morven in May: A Garden Party for the Friends of Morven" are $25. Festive drinks and herbal delicacies will be provided and there will be music by harpist Mary Bryson, a silent auction of horticultural rarities, and a $10 raffle with the prize of a pair of granite dog garden sculptures.

Morven Museum & Garden, located at 55 Stockton St., is open Wednesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, including how to become a Friend of Morven, call (609) 924-8144 or visit www.morven.org.

Master Gardeners

Also on Saturday, May 6, the Master Gardeners of Mercer County (MGMC) will host an annual Spring Plant Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mercer County Home Compost Demonstration Site and Gardens in Pennington. This educational facility is open dawn to dusk for self-guided tours that promote backyard composting. The site has demonstration gardens with plantings of annuals, plants for butterflies, cottage garden plants, herbs, native plants, and perennials.

The Master Gardeners are horticultural experts trained by the faculty and staff of Cook College at Rutgers.

The sale offers a selection of perennials, shrubs, scented geraniums, and herb baskets, as well as a selection of preowned garden tools.

Mercer County Horticulturalist Barbara J. Bromley will be on hand along with other master gardeners to answer questions about problem lawns and other gardening woes; there will also be composting demonstrations.

In addition to the Spring Plant Expo, MGMC hold monthly events throughout the summer including "Spotlighting Early Summer Blooms" with a tour of the demonstration gardens on Saturday, June 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; "Propagating Softwood Cuttings" with tips on techniques for rooting healthy plants on Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and "Herbs Through the Seasons" on Saturday, August 19, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This year free question and answer sessions with master gardeners have been added to each third Saturday event. Visitors are encouraged to bring plants, insects, and/or weeds for identification and information.

A donation of $3 is suggested for each program. Proceeds benefit the educational programs of the MGMC. The Mercer County Home Compost Demonstration Site and Gardens is located at 431A Federal City Road, Pennington. Please note that there is limited handicapped access. For more information, call (609) 989-6830, or visit www.mgofmc.org.

Bowman's Hill

A selection of over 200 native plants from the nearly 1000 species of wildflowers, vines, ferns, trees, shrubs and ferns that grow in the woods and meadows and alongside the creek and pond of Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve will be on sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, and again on May 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Staff and volunteers will be on hand to help visitors choose plants, all of which are nursery propagated rather than collected from the wild, and to provide advice on plants for specific growing conditions such as dry and shady sites. Special displays will feature native plants for attracting birds.

The Visitor and Resource Center offers classes, field trips and guided tours as well as indoor exhibits and wildflower video and a small collection of specimen birds.

For more information, call (215) 862-2924 or email lamack@bhwp.org. To view the spring native plant sale catalog visit www.bhwp.org.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is located at 1635 River Road (Pennsylvania, Route 32), approximately 2.5 miles south of New Hope in Pennsylvania.

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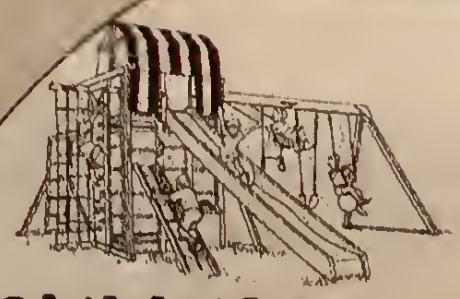

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Chris Ducko (Photo by Linda Arntzenius)

Chris Ducko is as madest as his affice is unassuming, a space that belies its impartance as central cantrol far the high tech camputer-directed system that keeps the Princetan Public Library's new building at just the right temperature and humidity. Mr. Ducka is the Library's behind-the-scenes genie wha's always on call and hard to pin down. He makes sure that the Library's burgeaning events schedule is supparted with audia visual technalagy and he's in charge of manitaring security, phones, everything fram a serious water leak in the heating system to a small (ahem) water leak on the children's floor. Even after hours, he's keeping an eye on things from his computer at home.

Mr. Ducko is clearly in his element with all things technical and has an instinct for the building's innards of pipes and gauges. Although he can monitar all systems from the computers in his office, he paps up to the library's fourth floor "penthouse" several times a day ta listen ta the machine and eyeball the temperature and pressure gauges.

A man who is always on the go, rarely having time ta sit down for lunch, Mr. Ducko has been Building Manager at the Library for just a little over two years. In that short time, he's made his mark. Library Directar Leslie Burger has described him in one word: indispensable. Here, he speaks about his work and the pride he felt an the first day patrons paured into the new building.

—Linda Arntzenius

When I started at the Library on April 4, 2004, just a few weeks before the apening, there were still little adds and ends to be completed. Once the contractors were finished, everything had to be moved in and the camputers set up. It was an impressive team effart, everybady chipped in, warking round the clock to get ready far the opening. The first day was great—shack and awe from the people of Princetan! It was an eye apener far me. Everybady laved the space and all the work paid off. It was a praud mament.

Before that I warked 15 years as building manager for a company in Lawrenceville, and before that I was a millwright lor ten years with Marshall Maintenance in Trentan.

Here I take care af the heating, air conditianing, plumbing, electrical, and lighting systems. I work with Facilities Assistant Sherwaad Brawn and there are three after-haurs building manitars that are my eyes and ears when I'm nat here. I have the ability to dial in and check the security cameras and the a/c system from home. I can regulate the temperature throughout the building and see if the air-handler, the bailer, or the air conditioner is shut down. If something goes wrong that the building manitor can't take care of, I come in.

That has happened. During heavy rains the storm drain would back up into a condensate trap, which would spill over into the first floor wiring closet. I talked with some of the engineers. We had different ideas as to how to address the problem. We wound up doing it ourselves. It's fixed.

Glitches

Usually in a brand new building there are a lat of things that go wrong in the first two years. I was impressed that there weren't too many. There are a few things that I wauld have dane differently but the building was put tagether well. Most af the work is quality wark. I am also impressed by the fact that we have fully functional windaws. That's rare in new buildings with contralled enviranments. That was a good idea.

You never know what's going to happen with high maintenance high tech. A board will shart out on one of the lighting panels occasianally. You'd think this wouldn't happen with a newer piece of equipment but anything can happen with electrical products.

My biggest challenge is the operatian of the Meco window shades on the Witherspoon side of the building. These adjust automatically according to the position of the sun and are contralled by three photo sensars on the roof. They cut down on glare and provide a solar block that improves the efficiency af the air conditianing system. They're a good idea in theory but in practice there's about a 15-minute delay between the signal and the shades being activated. I can override the system and operate the shades independently. I'm the only one who can do this. Nobady else can fool with them.

Typical Day?

In my job there's never a typical day. I touch everything from top to bottam, fram basic plunging of a toilet to troubleshaating an electrical prablem in a lighting panel. I try to maintain a safe, clean, comfortable and economical atmasphere for patrons.

It's important to make sure that heating ar cooling comes on at the appropriate time so that it's comfortable for patrons. After hours, after the cleaners leave, all the lighting gets shut down except for emergency lighting. First thing in the morning when I come in, I'll turn the desk lamps on until staff start coming in. Then I'll turn an the night lighting until about half an hour before the library apens and all the lights go an. Every little bit helps.

I also set up for meetings and events in the cammunity room and take bookings for that and the second floar conference room. These are rented out to Borough and Township non-profit organizations at a nominal fee for meetings of 15 ta 150 people. I stay for some af the events to make sure that everything runs well, to make sure, for example, that the audio went well for the James McBride event. A lot of effort went into the Bryan Singer event, but it was a great event. Barbara Johnson brought the trailer far the new movie Superman Returns. She's a friend of the library and a wonderful persan.

I don't get to toa many movies. My wife, Lucy and I don't have too much spare time. She's office manager with Hopewell Presbyterian Church. We live in Leavittown, Pennsylvania. My three boys play ice hackey all year raund. Andrew is 18, Evan is 13, and Jardan is 11. Andrew is going to be playing with the Syracuse Stars. Evan and Jardan play travel hackey plus squad. We like to go fishing and take the boat out. Occasianally I like to da some golfing, when I can.

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STEPPING OUT FOR KATRINA FAMILY: On Friday, April 28, sixth grade students from Princeton's John Witherspoon Middle School (JWMS) and Camden's John G. Whittier School joined forces in support of the Williams family who relocated to Princeton in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The "Walk for Relief" on the Princeton High School track was planned by former JWMS student Geraldine Livingston, who now teaches at the Whittier School. The featured speaker was Dr. Portia Hunt of Temple University, who helped the Williams family travel to Philadelphia. The event raised some $625 for the family through $2 pledges from students. The "Children Helping Children" banner pictured above is flanked by JWMS Principal Bill Johnson and Ms. Livingston. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

Immigrant Boycott

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In addition to local boycotts, several hundred immigrants gathered at City Hall in Trenton as part of the day's rally to show the impact of the country's approximately 12 million undocumented workers, including an estimated 350,000 in New Jersey alone.

"We have to underscore the huge size of this population and the economic weight that it carries and how it could affect and disrupt—as it did—the operations of many sectors of the economy," Ms. Juega said, citing the impact levied on the food preparation, agricultural, and restaurant economic sectors.

Also on Monday, Rep. Rush Holt (D-12) held an in-office event showcasing his opposition to the Sensenbrenner-King Bill in the U.S. House, whose tougher proposals for immigrant legislation have created a backlash.

Roger Martindell, an immigration attorney who is also a Councilman in Princeton Borough, said he thought the widespread protest could lead to reform: "Monday demonstrated the political and economic clout of the immigrant community.

"If politicians hear it, it could lead to reform."

The LALDEF will hold a rally at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, outside Nassau Presbyterian Church on Nassau Street, followed by a show with Guatemalan music and other traditional dances inside the church. Additionally, the LALDEF will open an office at Nassau Presbyterian to assist individuals with immigrant matters, as well as providing support to immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship. The office will be open 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, call (877) 452-5333.

—Matthew Hersh

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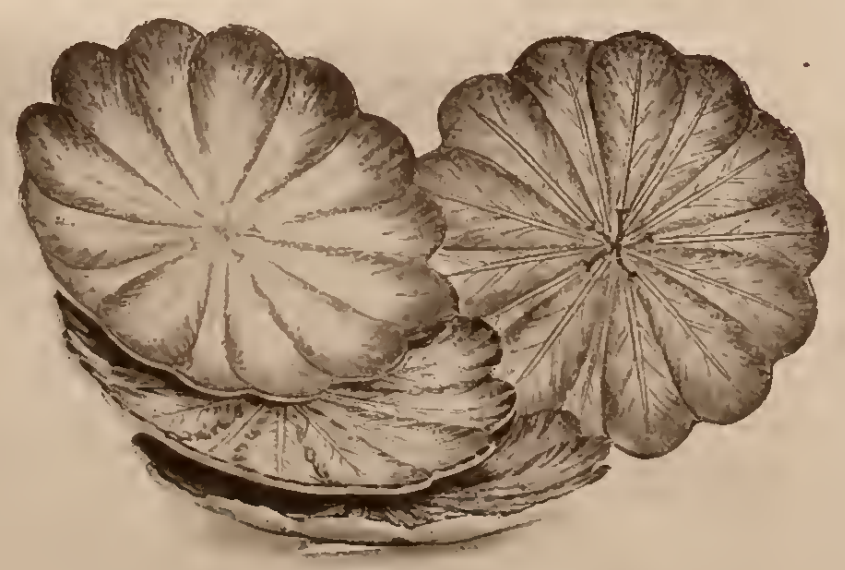

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Pilot County Transit Program Could Increase Senior Mobility

For Griggs Farm resident Alan Grayson, a disabled Korean War veteran, getting around is not as easy as it is for some.

Combine that with the stroke that he suffered in December, and his situation has become that much more challenging.

Nonetheless, Mr. Grayson has to arrange frequent trips to the Veterans Administration's out-patient clinic in Trenton for treatment, and while he can rely on family at times, his relatives cannot always adjust their schedules to accommodate him.

Last Wednesday, Mr. Grayson made a rare trip out to the Princeton Senior Resource Center (PSRC) to see if a new pilot program in Mercer County—only one in four locations throughout the country—could assist him in getting around.

According to the PSRC, the Veterans' clinic in Trenton is just one of the Mercer County destinations identified by the PSRC that residents need to get to, but cannot with current senior transportation vehicles, such as Crosstown 62. Other destinations include the health clinic in Trenton, and the dental clinic in New Brunswick, where low-cost services can be received.

Starting in September, ITN (Independent Transportation Network) will launch its pilot: ITNGreaterMercer, a volunteer driver service for seniors, age 65 and over, and for the visually impaired.

Three other communities, Charleston, S.C., Orlando, Fla., and Santa Monica, Calif., are slated to launch similar programs this fall, all teaming up with local transportation management companies in their areas. In Mercer County's case, ITNGreaterMercer is working with the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (TMA) in assembling the program.

ITNGreaterMercer is still tweaking some foreseeable problems, primarily that the program's radius is supposed to reach 15 miles, but with Mercer bordering on Hunterdon, Somerset, Monmouth, Middlesex, and Burlington, cross-county destinations are going to have to be factored in. That said, the program still has PSRC and TMA officials buzzing:

"The aging population is supposed to double in the next 15 years, so the idea is not to replace some of the services that already exist, but to add to it so that it fills a niche that isn't currently being met," said PSRC Executive Director Susan Hoskins last Wednesday afternoon at a forum that brought out seniors and visually impaired residents alike.

There are services, effective ones, Ms. Hoskins said, like Access Link and Mercer County T.R.A.D.E., that provide transportation to Mercer County senior citizens, persons with disabilities, or those who are economically disadvantaged. But volunteer-based services like ITNGreaterMercer are largely viewed by transportation officials as lifting the burden off other such programs, while providing a flexible service.

"Hopefully all of it will add up to more accessibility for everybody," Ms. Hoskins said.

ITN functions on an account base with a participant opening a pre-paid account, almost like a debit. The cost includes a pick-up charge and a per-mile cost with discounts given for scheduling rides in advance or for carpooling. Maintaining an account is $35 per year.

For the volunteer drivers, there is also room for benefit. In Portland, Ore., drivers receive 25 cents per mile, and if the driver chooses, those funds can be used for personal transportation in the future, or passed off to a family or friend who are also ITN customers.

Blind from birth and reliant on guide dogs, Sue Tillet of Moore Street said that the ITN service can function for uses more than just human medical emergencies. Ms. Tillet's first dog suffered from congestive heart failure, and needed a veterinarian's help at short notice:

"Every time she stopped breathing, I thought she was dead and I was freaking out, and it was two o'clock in the morning.

"I thought, 'What would I do if I needed to get her to medical care?'"

TMA's Outreach Program Developer Linda Lieberman said that drivers can be on hand quickly for less-pressing situations as well, including trips to the grocery store and the bank.

"There are lots of great ways to use this," she said.

For more information, visit www.ITNGreaterMercer.org or call (609) 452-1015.

—Matthew Hersh

Topics In Brief

A Community Bulletin

Princeton Township Committee is scheduled to hold public hearings for a series of ordinances at its regular meeting this Monday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall. They include: creating a municipal housing liaison to the state to administer the Township's affordable housing program; prohibiting parking along the northern side of Sycamore Road between S. Harrison Street and Riverside Drive; establishing the 2006 annual sewer charge 30 cents higher than 2005 at the rate of $5.85 per hundred cubic feet of metered water; a $37,000 sidewalk project along Riverside Drive; and a $36,000 concrete sidewalk project along the southern side of Overbrook Drive between Snowden Lane and Broadripple Drive. The last ordinance is to be considered with a companion $18,000 ordinance examining a sidewalk on the same portion of Overbrook, but this time using blacktop rather than concrete.

Bonnie Gendaszek, a math teacher at the John Witherspoon Middle School, has been named a recipient of the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for mathematics and science teaching. Ms. Gendaszek has been invited for a week of activities in Washington, D.C., including a visit to the White House, the Capitol, the National Academy of Sciences and dinner at the State Department. She will meet with top scientists and mathematicians at the National Science Foundation (NSF) to learn about cutting edge research and new discoveries in science and will receive a $10,000 grant from NSF.

Fire hydrants will be flushed in the Borough and Township through Thursday, May 4, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Scheduled areas are set for **Great Road** and **Elm Road**.

An art exhibition by **John Witherspoon Middle School** students is now on display at the Nassau Club at 6 Mercer Street. There will be an opening reception this Monday, May 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at the reception and music will be provided. For more information, call the Middle School at (609) 806-4270.

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Littlebrook

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construction falls within the municipal zoning mandates, could infringe a builder's property rights.

"Where are we going to stop?" he asked, emphasizing not only neighborhood appearance, but also environmental impact. "When is enough enough? I think this Commission really needs to work with the Township Committee and pass new laws that help us."

Mr. Derbyshire is not alone in his concern, as the Environmental Commission discussion drew nearly 20 of his neighbors. Moreover, the issues concerning residents of Littlebrook and other parts of Princeton Borough and Township are also on the minds of suburbanites throughout the country. As the pre- and post-World War II housing stock reaches an age where a property owner can either invest significant monies toward rehabilitation, or simply tear down the aging structure and start anew, builders like Burke, Barsky Homes LLC, and private homeowners are finding opportunities to put up modern structures, all in compliance with the existing zoning code.

Kyle Burke, who oversees the project at 73 North Littlebrook, told Town Topics last week that new builders like his family's firm are unfairly targeted, pointing out that what they are doing conforms to zoning code, and that homes like the $2.5 million Littlebrook home are salable, since the market dictates what some homeowners want these days.

But Littlebrook residents have experienced flooding from a strained Harry's Brook and fear that an increase of impervious surfaces will only exacerbate a flooding problem that, Township officials have conceded, could remain at mark, but will likely never improve. KP Burke, for its part, has altered its building plan to divert stormwater runoff directly into storm drains, rather than having it flow into an existing drainage ditch.

Then there is the issue of neighborhood character. Barbara Trelstad, the Borough Council liaison to the Environmental Commission, said that these 1950s-era developments are indeed historic, and implied that neighboring homesteads should remain in character with each other.

"We have housing stock in this community torn down for these McMansions that is going to disappear, and it is historic—yes, it was built in 1950, but we are going to lose that era, an amazing era, in our community," she said.

While 73 North Littlebrook is located in the Carnassa Park development of Littlebrook, a neighboring development, the Deer Path/Clover Lane district, is being considered by the Township's Historic Preservation Commission for historic designation.

And although those homes are viewed as potentially historic for their modernist style of architecture, some homes from the same era, Ms. Trelstad said, are "just nice, 1950s, split-level houses."

Vicky Bergman, the Township Committee liaison to the Commission, said maintaining a sense of individualized neighborhoods is important: "Community and neighborhood lifestyle and look, feel, is something that really makes Princeton what it is," but she added that if limits were to be put into place, residents would have to look not only at what their neighbors are doing on their properties, but at what could be done on their own properties as well.

The Environmental Commission is expected to draft a letter to various municipal entities citing the issues raised. Commission Chairman David Breithaupt urged residents to appear before Township Committee to express their concerns.

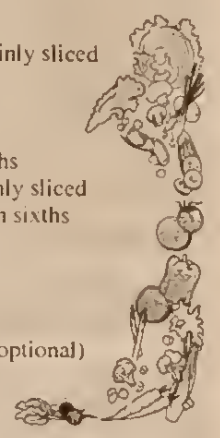
—Matthew Hersh

Local Fare
from Princeton's kitchens

Carol Nyikita,
Whole Earth Center Deli Employee

Spring Vegetable Stew

This paean to Spring is a mix of colors, textures, and tastes that perfectly complements the season. Crisp, clear, and fragrant describes this tasty offering. Use fresh herbs, if possible, and don't overcook the vegetables.



Serves 4

1 tblsp sea salt or to taste
2 medium organic carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
½ cup organic snow peas, trimmed
6 small organic radishes, halved
12 to 18 3-inch organic asparagus tips
6 organic scallions, cut into 3-inch lengths
2 organic broccoli stems, peeled and thinly sliced
4 small organic turnips, peeled and cut in sixths
4 tblsp butter
4 sprigs fresh thyme
1 tblsp lemon juice
Salt and pepper, to taste
10 organic sorrel leaves, cut in ribbons (optional)
1 tblsp chopped chives
2 tsp finely chopped parsley
1 tsp chopped tarragon

1. Bring 3 quarts water to boil in a large saucepan and add salt. Working with one vegetable at a time, blanch each vegetable until al dente (DON'T OVERCOOK!). As each vegetable is finished, place in a large bowl of chilled water to stop the cooking. You can place all of the cooked vegetables together into a single chilled water bath. When all vegetables are cooked, reserve one cup of the cooking water. Drain cooled vegetables.
2. In a large skillet, melt butter. Add thyme sprigs and the reserved cooking water. Add drained vegetables and simmer until vegetables are well warmed. Add lemon juice and season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Add sorrel, chives, parsley, and tarragon. Simmer for one minute, then serve.

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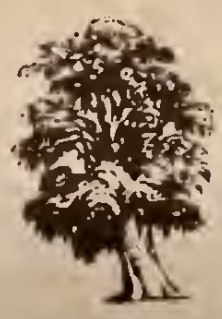

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Township's "Increase" in Contributions To Affordable Housing Is Misleading

To the Editor:

We would like to clarify a comment in the front page article (Town Topics, April 26) regarding the Township budget. Although the Township Committee cited "increased contributions to affordable housing" as a reason for the increase in taxes, it should be clear that the contribution for 2005 was zero dollars and for 2004 it was $400,000. *Any amount* would be an increase over 2005; however, the contribution is half of what it was in 2004, the last year a contribution to affordable housing was made.

It would be interesting to know what other line items in the budget were increased.

SANDRA PERSICHETTI ROTHE
Executive Director, Princeton Community Housing

Sierra Club Will Again Oppose Road Contemplated Along Millstone River

To the Editor:

West Windsor is clinging to the concept of a Millstone Bypass through the Sarnoff property along the Millstone River.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation rejected this road, having determined that the environmental, archaeological, and historic impacts far outweighed the perceived benefit. Many of the impediments that stopped the NJDOT remain to confound West Windsor.

First, there are nesting New Jersey threatened owls, as well as evidence of endangered fish and mussel. Bald eagles are breeding along Lake Carnegie. The Millstone River along Sarnoff's property is well within the bald eagle's foraging range, and any damage done to the river could impact the eagles' habitat. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will require further study of the area.

Second, West Windsor would have to remove toxic waste generated by Sarnoff years ago. Should they decide to build a road, both would be saddled with cleanup costs and the potential to release the toxins into the region's drinking water.

The third impediment is financial. Now that NJDOT has rejected the bypass, West Windsor must pay for the road. Cost will be the largest deterrent to the resurrection of the Millstone Bypass.

The Sierra Club favors redevelopment over new development. West Windsor's plan to revitalize Princeton Junction could result in a more environmentally-friendly neighborhood. But to destroy the Millstone River and its banks in the process is just plain wrong.

The Sierra Club, along with other community groups, spent several years working on a solution that, while not perfect, was acceptable to everyone. Should West Windsor attempt to revive the stretch of road that caused so much commotion a few years ago, the Sierra Club and its allies will be ready once again to oppose it.

LAURA LYNCH
Conservation Chair, Central Jersey Group and New Jersey Chapter, Sierra Club

Township Committee Candidate Goerner Endorsed for Offering New Perspective

To the Editor:

I am writing to voice my support for Chad Goerner for Township Committee in the June 6 primary.

All the talk of Princeton being a one-party town has practically ignored the fact that having a contested Democratic primary election this year is a great opportunity for our party and for our township. Instead of being forced to pull the lever (or push the button) for the same old ideas, this year we can make a real difference in the person we choose to send as our candidate for Princeton Township Committee.

We need a new face on the Committee; someone who has creative ideas and brings a new perspective; someone with the financial acumen to help keep our spending in check and to balance the growth of our community with the affordable housing needs of our seniors and low-income families. I believe that someone is Chad Goerner, and I strongly urge a vote for him on June 6.

KATHLEEN HUTCHINS
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I am interested in the local issues that concern all of us.
Smart Land Use Planning: I believe it is important that we re-examine our master plan and development regulations to meet the changing needs of the community, such as meeting the housing need of a growing senior population. I will work to ensure that future development is considerate of sound planning and environmentally sensitive issues, such as density concerns and storm water management. I also believe in the importance of maintaining the character of our neighborhoods and will support an analysis of existing zoning controls to discourage out of scale development. **Property Taxes:** I will take a comprehensive approach in looking for ways to reduce costs without giving up essential services. I will seek ways to bring tax dollars back to the Township through State-funded programs such as NJDOT's Municipal Aid road repair program. I will ask that the 2-cent open space tax be re-evaluated, as we've achieved our goal of acquiring and preserving 25% of the Township's land as open space. I will look for opportunities to supplement our tax dollars through grant programs created for municipalities by the County, such as the new matching grant program for recreational facilities. In addition, I will ask that critical budget and financial information be posted on the Township's website. **Preserving and Expanding Community Resources:** While fostering programs put forth by the Senior Resource Center, I will also work with community leaders to find new resources to provide support for our teens. Additionally, I will focus on the concerns of the young families who have moved into our community by working with the Recreation Department on finding ways to improve the community pool and working to fill our parks with age-appropriate play spaces that encourage physical fitness.
Sharing and Coordination of Public Safety Services: I will work to ensure that any consolidation of public safety services, such as emergency dispatch services, will result in a cost sharing formula that gives the Township credit for the investments made in its updated and enhanced equipment and facilities. Also, I support the creation of a Joint Emergency Response Manager position that has been recommended by the Princeton Regional Health Commission.

I have enjoyed being involved in my community. Princeton Recreation Youth Summer Basketball League Coach . Princeton Environmental Commission . SPRAB/PEC Liaison . PCDO President . St. Paul's Church PreCana Ministry Team . Arts Council Communiversity Volunteer . Spirit of Princeton Memorial Day Parade Volunteer

I have the professional qualifications that will help me serve. As VP and Senior Counsel for an energy company, I have both the business acumen and legal knowledge that will be beneficial when dealing with the issues facing our township. I bring over 15 years experience in environmental and land use law, where I've represented both municipalities and private sector clients. I have also served as appointed Counsel for various boards, including Affordable Housing.

I am raising a young family in Princeton. My wife, Teri McIntire, and I have lived here since 1998 and we feel fortunate to be raising our 4-year-old daughter, Faith, in this community.

I ask for your support on June 6.
Thank You.

Paid for by Scott Carver for Township Committee, 37 Dempsey Avenue, Princeton, NJ; Ben Weiss, Treasurer

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Neighbors Ask Township Zoning Board To Reject Senior Housing Application

Editor's Note: The following are copies of open letters sent to the Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

To the Editor:

During the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment March 22 meeting, the lawyer for Brian and Leah Beth McDonald submitted a motion to disallow the bifurcation application of Morgan Estates. The reason given was that granting a use variance without a full site plan review would tend to lead to a site plan variance and consequently the surrounding community would be harmed.

This is a major change to the existing zoning, and should not even be considered without presentation of full solutions to the many problems with the site. The applicant should also be required to establish a compelling reason for the change. Neither condition was met by the applicant at the meeting.

During cross-examination of the Morgan Estates project engineer, Mr. Spaltz, our Township Engineer, Robert Kiser, asked many pointed questions that Mr. Spaltz was unable to adequately answer. His testimony led all witnesses to believe that there are mitigating circumstances — the existence of bedrock less than nine feet in depth in many test holes, for one — that would suggest that continuing with a bifurcated application is unwarranted and that a full site plan review should be in place along with the use variance request.

When an advocate for the applicant is not able to answer questions of the Township Engineer, whom the Board relies on as an expert, we do not see how it is possible for the Board to make an intelligent decision/ruling on the use variance without first requiring full disclosure of the effects to the property when construction begins.

We share the amazement expressed on the record by the lawyer for Church & Dwight, Mr. Bliss, that the Board could seriously consider a request for bifurcation with so many unanswered questions on an issue with such potentially negative impact on the immediate neighbors and environment, and so little real benefit to the community of Princeton.

We, therefore, respectfully submit to the Board to notify the applicant that their application for a bifurcated hearing is denied.

Though the legislature wrote guidelines dealing with bifurcated issues, it did not grant the absolute right to a bifurcated variance process. It is our opinion that bifurcated applications should be the exception rather than the rule, since it is clear that developers have the expectation that additional variance requests as the design progresses would be granted after they receive the basic use variance.

If it is the argument that by applying for the use variance first saves the developer money, since if the application is denied they have not spent the money on the full site plan review, then the developers should rework their economics to make their projects profitable should this be the case.

PAUL P. KAPP
PETER Q. TOVAR
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The Northeast Residents Association

To the Editor:

The Morgan Estates LLC application seeking use and other variances to construct 98 age restricted condominium units off Bunn Drive and abutting Governors Lane should be denied. I am very familiar with construction undertaken in the immediate vicinity since the mid-'80s. This is an extremely difficult site from a number of perspectives. The applicant's own expert witness used the word "challenging." For an applicant's civil engineer to so characterize a site immediately begs the question of site suitability and feasibility.

As a civil engineer, I offer several observations.

There has been only sketchy consideration of actual site conditions without benefit of sufficient borings, permeability tests, etc. commonly required to develop a fully engineered site plan. Of course, the claim is that this is just a concept and this application does not require such investigation.

There will be serious drainage and storm water compliance issues. Active streams emanate from this site now that did not exist when we moved here in 1989. Adjacent properties are routinely flooded. Last year, after eight days of rain, streets were flooded; worse still, the huge basin at the foot of Governors Lane was filled to capacity and nearly overtopped the emergency spillway. The offhand notions mentioned by the applicant's engineer as possible solutions to these issues, such as pervious pavements, ground water recharge, basins, and so forth, are textbook approaches, yet to be demonstrated as applicable to this specific site given extensive rock and shale. The size and location of any basin is of special concern given the heavily forested site and the need to remove many trees and rock. The claim will be, only a small basin will be needed; however, water entering the proposed project site from upland as well as the potential runoff originating on the site will have to be accommodated as the history of Governors Lane amply demonstrates. Looking at the site in isolation will not do.

The development concept appears to be only a skeleton of a marketable, upscale, condo for active adults. Where are the amenities for active adults; where will they be located; and how much additional clearing and impervious surface will be created?

As to any special reason justifying the extreme variances requested, the developer is grasping at every straw. His hired economist tries valiantly to make the case that the town will make a small tax revenue gain in its school budget due to limits on children. The need for senior housing crept in. The witness for the project conveniently ignored the fact that this site was not included in the designated senior overlay zone in the Township after extensive investigation. Why? Because it was not deemed suitable compared to other sites.

Finally, to sell the project, the concept plan stretches beyond a credible limit the preservation of the forest canopy characteristic of the area. The first concept even showed green space preserved that was actually outside the project limits. Further, no basin was shown as cleared area. Last, forest was shown so close to buildings that there was insufficient space to accommodate heavy construction equipment to erect the buildings, yet alone clear areas for placement of utilities and underground storm drains that probably will be required.

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Criteria Dictate Court Cases, Not Personal Views, Justice Says

Despite the common perception that liberal and conservative judges alike have a tendency to legislate their views from the bench, there are actually strict criteria that dictate whether a case reaches the U.S. Supreme Court, and those criteria virtually preclude the use of personal opinions, said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer Sunday at McCosh Hall on the University campus.

Mr. Breyer appeared alongside Princeton University Professor Robert George, the school's director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions in a conversation on "Active Liberty" and the role civic involvement plays in Constitutional interpretation, even at the Supreme Court level.

Six tools are available when judging and interpreting text, he said: language, history, tradition, precedent, purpose or value, and consequence.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Breyer, nominated in 1994 by President Clinton and widely considered to be on the more liberal side of the court, said the last two tools, purpose and consequence, are often contested by his more conservative brethren on the court.

But it is in regard to those two particular tools, he said, that an active citizenry can affect a court's decision: "We don't need activist judges, but we do need activist citizens."

Some justices, Mr. Breyer said, specifically citing Justice Antonin Scalia "and others," emphasize only the first four tools, taking a hard-line, strict Constitutionalist approach. They won't discount the final two points, but, by and large, they will proceed without them. They will think, Mr. Breyer said, that if the court factors purpose and consequence too heavily in a court matter, "we stop being objective and become too subjective and the judge reads his own opinion into the law.

"That's one view," Mr. Breyer said.

The other view, to which he said he subscribed, is that that purposes and consequences are "very, very important," particularly those before the Supreme Court because the high court only takes cases where lower courts have reached different conclusions, with a vast number of opinions prevailing on either side.

"The text, history, tradition, and precedent won't give you the answer. And we therefore look to these other two," he said.

Ultimately, he added, there is a balance between being subjective and "wooden," that is, looking at phrases in the statute or in the Constitution "as if they set up a matrix" where "you can deduce the answer from some kind of logical determination based on the language and history alone.

"Nobody wants that," Mr. Breyer said. "Nobody wants to be wooden."

Mr. Breyer's recently published book *Active Liberty: Interpreting Our Democratic Constitution* served as the impetus for his talk. He urged students of Constitutional law to "look at the document as a whole" and not to pick apart specific passages cited for case law in deciding for arguable issues such as campaign finance and affirmative action. He also urged them to participate where civically applicable, particularly when it comes to voting: "The Constitution won't work if people don't participate."

—Matthew Hersh

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New Owners of Peppi's Hair Design Continue to Stress Personal Service

It's always a good hair day at Peppi's Hair Design! Clients have been counting on Peppi Panzitta to cut, color, and comb out their hair for the past 40 years (30 at the current 133 Washington Street location in Rocky Hill).

Peppi will still be doing that, but he has turned ownership over to three partners: David and Joe Maccarone (who are brothers), and Roberto Centeno. David has worked with Peppi for the past 10 years, and Joe was a stylist at Salon Vis A Vis in Princeton, where Roberto was a partner.

"Peppi was interested in scaling back, and it was a good opportunity for us. I have always wanted to have my own business, ever since I was a boy," says David, who is from Lawrenceville.

IT'S NEW To Us

Peppi's long-time customers will be pleased to know that Peppi is staying on and will continue to provide them with his special brand of expertise. "I love the people, all my customers," he says. "I enjoy my time with them so much. A lot of them have become friends."

Peppi studied hair dressing in his native Italy, and then came to the United States when he was 18, setting in Trenton. "I wanted to do this work since I was 15," he recalls. "It's creative and a way to help people look nice. When I first started, I worked for Mr. Anthony on Nassau Street, and then opened a salon at the Montgomery Center in 1966."

"Peppi inspires us," says a long-time client, who first went to Peppi's salon at the Montgomery location.

Adds another: "It's very friendly hair care here! It's just right. There's a lot of personal attention, and I know, I've been coming here for 25 years."

Personal Attention

The new owners will continue to emphasize that personal attention, aware that it, along with the professional skill and experience of the stylists, is what sets Peppi's apart.

"We look forward to expanding and modernizing and keeping the same emphasis on professional expertise and personal service that Peppi's has always been known for," points out David Maccarone. "We are set apart by the blend of service—we really know what we are doing—within a warm and relaxed atmosphere."

Adds his brother Joe: "It's important to us to give the best possible personal service. We are highly educated professionals in a very unpretentious atmosphere. People really feel comfortable here."

The focus at Peppi's is hair. The stylists concentrate on providing the latest techniques and products, along with their experience.

No one can be unaware of the importance of color in hair styles today. It has gone way beyond a means to cover gray, and is clearly a fashion statement for many people. Highlighting, painting, and gray-blending are all methods available to add a colorful new look.

"Color is fashion today," notes David, "and it's not just for women. Men are getting into color too, both to cover gray and for fashion. We have a separate men's salon here, and it's a very comfortable atmosphere for men.

Professional Product

"Another thing, color is much safer now. We pride ourselves on using a professional product that is a superior color line, and leaves hair vibrant, conditioned, and with a shine. We also do color correction, if people have had color mistakes."

"Color is definitely a specialty for us," adds Joe. "We have highly-experienced colorists, who have been internationally trained."

Styling is another specialty at Peppi's, and haircuts are the foundation, continues Joe. "Easy maintenance is very important to people today, and cut is crucial to that. We are specialists in precision and textured haircutting. Sifting and piercing to create body and separation. Roberto is our styling specialist who concentrates exclusively on hair cuts.

"Also," adds Joe, "cutting curly hair and then relaxing it is in demand. Japanese hair straightening is very popular now."

Body waves are more popular than perms today, and it's all part of the trend toward easy-maintenance. Time is tight, and people look for styles that are both becoming and easy to care for.

Style make-overs are fun for the staff and a creative endeavor. "We take into consideration hair texture, skin tone, eye-color when we consider color, and also lifestyle when we are planning a new style. It's fun when people come in and want a new look and say, 'Tell me what looks good.'

Importance Advance

"We also provide 'Special Occasion Do's' for brides, proms, and other events," continues David. "And it is important to stay educated. We go to New York for continuing education seminars."

Treatments and products are available for a variety of hair conditions and problems, including thinning hair, points out the staff. "We also offer a clear gloss shine treatment for any type of hair, and a very important advance is the Bio-Ionic latest technology in conditioning, blow-drying, and flat-ironing to give hair conditioning and shine. It helps to seal in moisture and gives body."

Peppi's is very service-oriented in every way, and it is important to give back to the community," says Joe. "Two big things are important to us. We give donations to the Cancer Society and to local animal shelters from our proceeds. We are also involved in 'Locks for Love', an organization which provides human hair to make wigs for cancer patients. In addition, we provide a custom wig service for cancer patients, which Peppi has done for a long time."

TEAM WORK: "We have a combination here — professional service in a very relaxed atmosphere, and we are fortunate to have very loyal customers." The team at Peppi's Hair Oesign includes from left, former owner Peppi Panzitta, and new owners, David Maccarone, Roberto Centeno, and Joe Maccarone.

A number of products are offered for sale at Peppi's, including Pureology, a color hair line; Wella, Kenra, and American Crew for Men.

"We have a variety of color hair products—shampoos, conditioners, and gels—that increase the longevity of hair color," reports David.

Gift certificates are another popular item at Peppi's. Always a welcome remembrance, they are a super idea for Mother's Day.

The staff at Peppi's, including those who have been there for many years, look forward to offering clients the best service in the salon's special atmosphere. "This work is a beautiful blend of art and socializing," says David.

"We want to give the best possible personal service," adds Joe. "It goes beyond the profession to the place itself and the ambiance. People like to come here."

And so do the owners. "For me, this work is like a hobby. It's so much fun. It's not even like coming to work," says Roberto.

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Cathryn A. Mitchell and Richard M. Miller are lawyers, who happen to be married—to each other. The sharehofders and principals of MillerMltcheff PC, Counsel to Global Business, are highly respected attorneys in their fields, and are counsel to cfients all over the world.

"We are like-minded business people," points out Ms. Mitchell. "We don't work together because we are married, but because we have similar business phifosophies. We trust each other.

"Our approach combines legal expertise with broad business and practicaf experience resulting in a focused effort to hefp cfients achieve their objectives," she adds. "We are known for our strategic, effective, straight-forward approach to problem-solving."

Their diverse professional backgrounds combine to offer high quafity counsel in a variety of areas. Mr. Miller, a graduate of State University of New York Law School at Buffalo, and former general counsel to Prince Sports, is the Managing Shareholder and Chairman of the firm's Global Corporate and Capital Markets/Corporate Finance practice groups.

His work incfudes the strategic buying and selling of businesses worldwide, as welf as the financing and refinancing of client businesses. He has served as counsel to numerous cfients in their merger and acquisitions, including a software application provider acquired by a subsidiary of Microsoft.

Ms. Mitchell is Chair of the firm's Life Sciences and Technology, Intellectual Property, Entertainment and New Media practice groups. She represents businesses and individuals in international and U.S. complex business matters, including life sciences, health care, technology, communications, consumer products, and nonprofits. Ms. Mitchell has been counsel to worldwide renowned enterprises, as well as educational and artistic institutions. She has had 18 years experience managing international intellectual property portfolios.

Worldwide Endeavors

Ms. Mitchell founded the firm in 1994, and she and Mr. Miller joined forces in 1996, creating MillerMitchell PC. The firm is currently located at 134 Nassau Street, and they have found Princeton to be a hospitable setting for their worldwide endeavors.

"Because Princeton is what it is and where it is," points out Mr. Miller. "Princeton is not a big city, but it is recognized and known by colleagues and clients in other countries. ft is a respected geographic iocation."

"We have a large internationaf clientefe, and for entrepreneurs and service professionals, Princeton is a particularly good pface," adds Ms. Mitchell. "ft is also a welcoming place. f have been here 15 years, and our practice has been embraced by the community in important ways."

Because of the nature of their practice, Ms. Mitcheli and Mr. Miller counsef a diverse group of clients from Europe to Asia to Latin America.

"European companies are opening up in Asia; there are transactions in India and China, which can include different intellectual property laws, and there are emerging markets in Vietnam and Korea. Globalization, that is, business using resources around the worfd, is a fact of fife," points out Ms. Mitcheff.

Despite the different cultures from which they come, many of the clients are similar in important ways, notes Mr. Miffer. "Many are from other countries or who have lived in other countries. They are highly educated people. Typlcally, they are people with big plans, who want to expand and grow their businesses. They are not satisfied with things as they are."

Substantinl Players

MillerMitchelf's clients also vary in age and gender, and "Women around the world have become very substantial players," observes Ms. Mitchefl.

The work is challenging, she adds, requiring a broad and deep knowledge of the legalities, as well as an awareness of the rapidly-changing technological aspects of their clients' business, and a thorough grasp of the overall picture.

"The work changes every day. Laws change every day. The work is different every day. We definitely have to be on our toes and keep up," she notes.

Both Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Mifler have been honored in their profession and in the community. In March, 2006, Ms. Mitchefl was named one of the "Best 50 Women in Business in New Jersey" by NJBfZ, New Jersey Business Newspaper. She was also incfuded in Business News, New Jersey's exclusive list of only eight professionals in the state, designated as "Who's Who in Professional Services."

PARTNERS IN PERPETUITY: "We discovered there was a need for the kind of work we do, international corporate work, in the region. Our firm is unique in the area." Richard M. Miller and Cathryn A. Mitchelf, husband and wife, are shareholders and principals of the Princeton-based faw firm, MillerMitchell PC.

In addition, she was honored by Business News in the "Who's Who 2002 — New Jersey's Business Leaders", and listed again in their March issue, "40 Under 40" — spotlighting New Jersey's most successful young business feaders. She was afso selected as one of only four lawyers In New Jersey designated as "Women Business Leaders 2001". She was one of the recipients of the YWCA Princeton's 2005 Tribute to Women award, recognizing significant professional achievement, community contribution, and advocacy for women.

Immediate past President of the Princeton Bar Association, Ms. Mitchell writes a bi-weekly column for the Times of Trenton, and is a frequent lecturer in the area.

Super Lnwyer

Mr. Miller, listed in *Who's Who In America*, *Who's Who in American Law*, *Empire Who's Who*, and *Who's Who in Finance and Business*, frequently writes in the area of Mergers & Acquisition, Joint Ventures/Strategic Alliances, Technology Law, Intellectual Property, International faw, and corporate/workplace legal issues. He has recently been named among the top five percent of business law attorneys in the state as a New Jersey Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine.

Mr. Miller is afso the founding Chairman and President of the fnternational Trade Network, and is on the Advisory Commission of the fnternationaf Business Development Council of Mercer County Community College. He is Chair of the Ethics in Business and Life Committee of Rotary fnternational District 7510 Vocational Services Committees.

MillerMitchell's leadership in civic and community affairs has been shown through the severaf organizations and progams founded by the firm, incluling the Princeton Technology Alliance, the International Trade Network, and SPARK.

Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Miller look forward to continuing tfeir practice and doing their best for clients in a constantly-changing world environment.

"This is the challenge we face: doing the best possibfe job for our clients, who are very speciaf and great to work with," says Mr. Mifler. "We can certainfy say we learn something new every day."

"We want to serve clients in the way we would want to be treated," points out Ms. Mitchell. "Responsiveness, personal attention, serious attention on substantive matters are key. We felt there would be interest in that approach to business."

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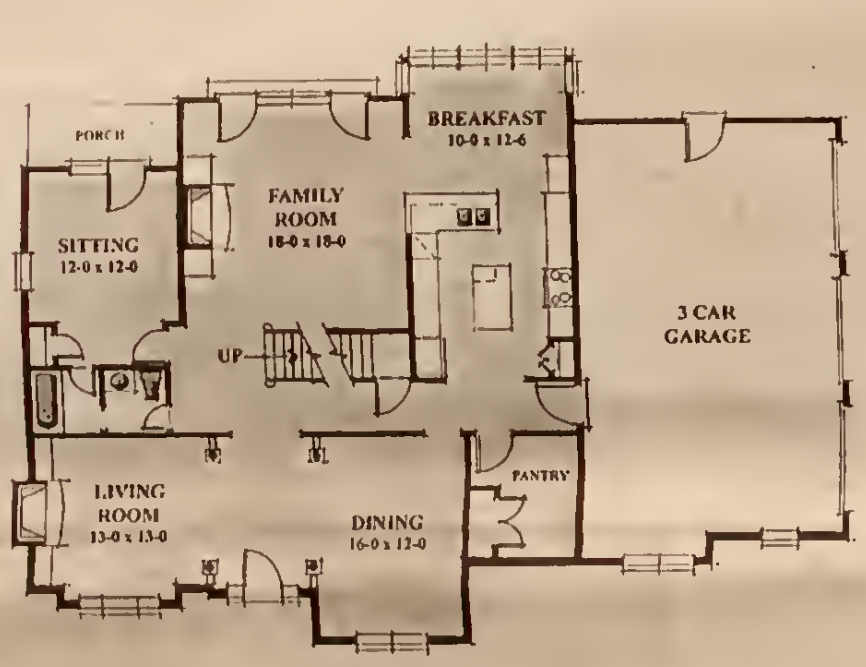

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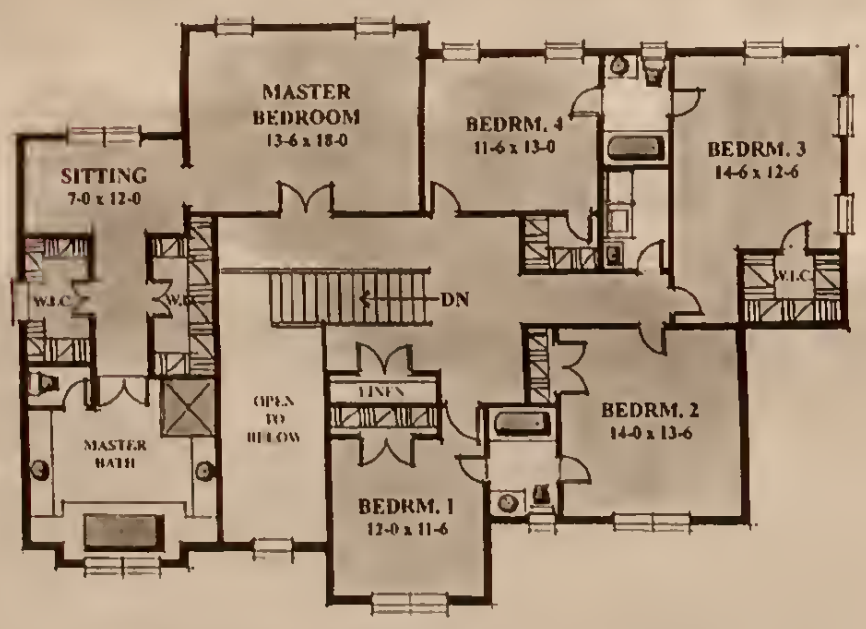

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For more information, call Karen Luck at (609) 213-6438.

The **Princeton Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America** is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a month-long series of events including an exhibit, open house, and tea. All of the events are open to the public.

The festivities will begin this Sunday, May 7 with the open house from 1 to 5 p.m. at The Windrows, 2000 Windrows Drive. The public is invited to the exhibit, demonstrations, and afternoon tea which will be served from 3 to 5 p.m. The exhibit, featuring needlework by club members and local children, will continue throughout the month of May. It will also feature demonstrations in beading, canvas work, hardanger, blackwork, and other stitching techniques, as well as merchants' wares.

Other needlework demonstrations will be on Wednesdays in May beginning May 10 from 3 to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays beginning May 13 from noon to 4 p.m.

The **Astrological Society of Princeton** will meet this Sunday, May 7 at Educational Testing Service's Conant Hall at 2:30 p.m. Attendees should use the building's rear entrance at the intersection of Rosedale Road and Carter Road.

Rob Hand will present a lecture, "Is Astrology a Religion?," examining the definitions used to determine whether astrology is or is not a religion, and the implications for religion in general. Mr. Hand is a professional astrologer, author, and lecturer.

A social hour will follow the lecture. The public is welcome. A donation will be accepted at the door.

For more information call (609) 924-4311.

The **Princeton Rose Society** will meet at the Princeton Public Library this Sunday, May 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be William Sehl, American Rose Society Master Rosarian, who will present a slide presentation on "The Hybridization of Roses."

The meeting is open to all rose lovers. For more information, call (609) 683-0284.

The monthly meeting of the **Libertarian Party of Mercer County** will be this Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. in community room No. 4 of the Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, at Route 1 and Darrah Lane.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (609) 426-0837.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will host a country-Western dance on Saturday, May 13, at the Suzanne Patterson Center from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., with a dance lesson beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 3

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

7 p.m.: Concert of Renaissance music by La Spirita Viola Da Gamba Consort; Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch, Lawrenceville.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Chorus; Kelsey Theatre, West Windsor. Free.

8 p.m.: Composers' Ensemble; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: *Seussical the Musical*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 4

11:30 a.m.: Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce luncheon; Doral Forrestal Conference Center.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton University Atelier Program performance of *The Return of the Wives: Alcestis and Hermione*; Matthews Acting Studio. Free.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre, West Windsor. Free.

Friday, May 5

4 to 7 p.m.: Cinco de Mayo Festival; Princeton Shopping Center courtyard. Free.

5 to 7 p.m.: Morven in May Garden Party fund-raiser; Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street. For reservations, call (609) 924-8144, ext. 100.

7 p.m.: The Dark Star Orchestra; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Side By Side By Sondheim*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre. Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Ridiculous Fraud*; Berlind Theatre. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Juniors and Seniors Concert, works of undergraduate composers; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Fielding West and Brian McKim; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Trinity Church of Rocky Hill rummage sale.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Annual Heirloom Plant Sale; Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Kite Day; Terhune Orchards, Cold Soil Road. Also Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2 and 4 p.m.: *Aesop's Fables* with Jim West Puppets; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

6:30 p.m.: Guatemalan marimba music and folk dances with Maya Quetzal; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Bill O'Neal and Joe Kramer; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quintet; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet's *Cinderella*; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Faculty Jazz Concert; Rider University Art Gallery, Bart Luedeke Center, Lawrenceville. Free.

8 p.m.: Mercer Dance Ensembie; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

9 p.m.: Princeton University Wind Ensemble outdoor concert; 1879 Lawn at Frist Campus Center. Free.

Sunday, May 7

11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour; Duke Farms, Hillsborough. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

Noon: Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis; Princeton Battlefield.

1:30 p.m.: Benefit concert with violinist Alessandra Schneider and cellist Sara Wolfe; Orchard Farm, 1052 Cherry Hill Road.

4 p.m.:. Steinway Society Musicale with scholarship winners; Recital Hall of Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

4 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica and Sharim V'Sharot Choruses, *A Tapestry of Jewish Music*; Adath Israel Congregation, Lawrenceville.

4 p.m.: Zukerman Chamber Players; McCarter Theatre.

5 p.m.: Documentary film, *The Venetian Dilemma*; Dorothea's House, 120 John Street. Free.

5:30 p.m.: Reading by Dr. Edith Grossman from her translation of *Don Quixote*; Micawber Books, 114 Nassau Street.

7 p.m.: Singer-guitarist David Bailey; First Presbyterian Church, Hightstown.

Tuesday, May 9

8 to 10 a.m.: Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Spring Leadership Forum; Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village.

7:30 p.m.: *Ridiculous Fraud*; Berlind Theatre. Also Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Composers' Ensemble; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: Aretha Franklin; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Preservation Hall Jazz Band; McCarter Theatre.

Wednesday, May 10

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

8 p.m.: Princeton University student recital; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: *Seussical the Musical*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Annual Plant Sale and Garden Boutique; Stuart Country Day School. Also Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7 p.m.: Princeton Human Rights Festival; Princeton Public Library. Also Friday through Sunday at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 12

5 to 9 p.m.: Trenton2Nite concert with Wendy Zoffer Trio; Trenton Marriott Hotel.

5:30 to 11 p.m.: Trenton2Nite jazz concert with Wenonah Brooks & Company; Maxine's, 120 South Warren Street.

7:30 p.m.: New School for Music Study of Kingston Spring Recital; Kingston Presbyterian Church. Also Saturday at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *La Cage aux Folles*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Side By Side By Sondheim*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre. Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University student recital; Richardson Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; War Memorial, Trenton,

8 p.m.: Voices Chorale; Pennington Presbyterian Church

8 p.m.: *The Will Rogers Follies: A Life in Revue*; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m.

8 to 10 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live, Movement Workshop; All Saints' Church.

CELEBRATING OPEN SPACE: D&R Greenway Land Trust celebrated the opening of its Johnson Education Center (JEC) on Rosedale Road Sunday, April 30, with "Celebrate Open Space 2006." The JEC, located in Greenway Meadows across from the Johnson Park School, will serve as both Greenway's headquarters and as a location where outside groups can learn about open space preservation. Pictured from left are Richard Goldman, Chair of Greenway's board of trustees; Linda Mead, Greenway executive director; Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand; and Moira McClintock and Jerry Ford of Ford3 Architects, the firm that handled the redesign of the JEC from a 100-year-old vacant barn to Greenway's new facility. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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BOOK REVIEW

Life, Love, and the Very Stuff of Writing: A Duet

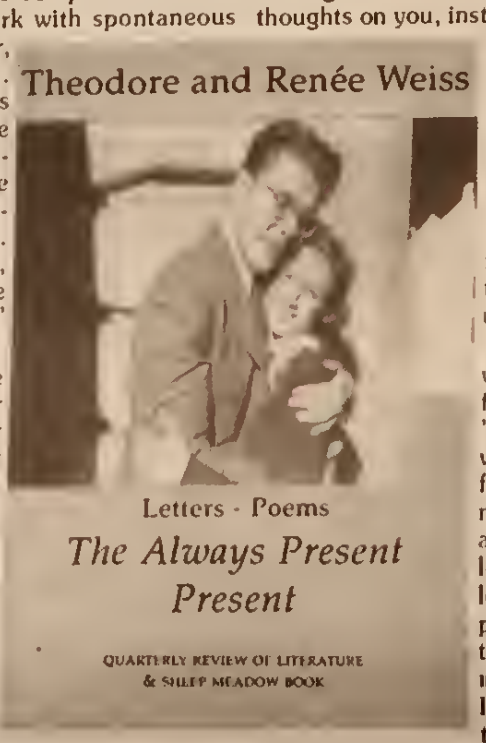
Theodore and Renée Weiss's *The Always Present Present* (Quarterly Review of Literature & Sheep Meadow Book $24.95) celebrates both a marriage and the working partnership—a marriage of minds—that produced and sustained the 60-year run of the Quarterly Review of Literature, which began in 1943 at the University of North Carolina under the editorship of Warren Carrier. Within a year Carrier had gone off to World War II and Theodore Weiss was, as he puts it in his brief history of QRL in *The Always Present Present*, "left holding the little magazine." His young wife, "innocent of what she was getting into," offered to help him. The symbiotic relationship of marriage and magazine is made immediately obvious when he admits that he was "equally unaware of the vows we were taking."

The vows were soon to be tested. When Ted became an instructor at Yale, it was up to Renée to keep the magazine alive for the two-year period before it moved with the Weisses to Bard, where it remained for 20 years before moving with them to Princeton in 1966.

I use the authors' first names here to avoid the inevitable repetition and confusion when both subjects share the same surname, but beyond that, this is, after all, a love story, and referring to Ms. Weiss and Mr. Weiss in that context would be like citing Ms. Capulet and Mr. Montague. It's got to be Renée and Ted.

The book is prefaced by a duet based on the idea of an anniversary present, underscoring the play on "present" in the title. What's it to be? Renée wonders: "A gift that will grow out of us?" And Ted springs the pun, "Yes, a present, out of all our past to keep us in constant memory." When she says "But you haven't said what that should be," he extends the wordplay and "be" becomes "bee," words like bees "thrumming side by side" ("bees" reappear in one of his letters as "poems buzzing in my head like honey-sucking bumblebees"). The duet closes with Ted saying "I give you what, honeycombed by your lips, you give me: a present celebrating our sixty years," to which she adds, "A present, fraught in the past, made not only of the said, but the unsaid," with Ted providing the last line: "as well as the unsayable."

The prefatory interplay suggests how the jointly written poems woven in among the letters Ted wrote to Renée between 1939 and 1941 may have been composed, and the reference to the said, the unsaid, and the unsayable suggests a glancing allusion to the openly personal nature of the book. Although Ted was alive to approve the publication of these letters, it's safe to assume that he had no such intention when he wrote them. In addition to any merit the material might have, one obvious justification for printing such intimate writing, whether letters or journal entries (or drafts of poems as in the recent publication of Elizabeth Bishop's unfinished poetry), is to enable readers to compare a writer's formal, finished work with spontaneous expression in a freer, less formal mode. So, in *The Always Present Present*, the composed, essentially formal poems are aligned with the relatively informal letters. In Renée's words, "The letters were the seeds of the poems' harvest."



The poems are there to be read not only for what they are but for how they reflect or comment on the letters. Even so, it's all too easy to skim over the poetry on first reading, carried along by the "real-life" plot unfolding in these much-more-than-love letters from a 24-year-old graduate student at Columbia University to the 17-year-old "girl next door" in Allentown, Pa. When the Karols became neighbors of the Weisses, the first connection that developed was not between Ted and Renée but between Ted and her father, who enjoyed expanding the musical horizons of the bright young man next door. The Karols were a musical family with "lots of violinists" according to Renée, who plays the violin herself and has performed with, among others, the Oxford University Symphony, the Woodstock String Quartet, and the Princeton Chamber Orchestra (not to mention studying dance with Martha Graham and José Limón). Mr. Karol took an interest in Ted, inviting him along to concerts when he was home from Columbia. The two also discussed literature, philosophy, and politics (Mr. Karol once ran for mayor of Allentown on the socialist ticket). When the boy and girl next door began falling in love, neither the Karols nor the Weisses were happy with the romance, though the major opposing force was Ted's father, who also thought his son was spending too much of his study time writing letters to Renée. When Ted heard that even her grandparents had been persuaded that marriage would be a threat to his work and his career, he was furious. After venting his anger, he wrote: "No more letter writing? No more seeing? ...I spend my thoughts on you, instead of writing? Don't you yet know that my thoughts on you are the very stuff of writing, that our love is one of the few fruitful experiences in our life, one of the most precious (if not the most), and they want to take that from us!"

> Renée Weiss will be reading from *The Always Present Present* at the Princeton University store's third-floor events area next Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m.

So saying, he provides a good blurb for letters that are "the very stuff of writing." However full of tender endearments, pet names, and expressions of love they may be, the letters are eloquent, passionate, evocative, astute, and remarkably self-aware. It's as if Mercutio had taken the pen from Romeo and cut loose, weaving his magic spell around Juliet. Another element that makes Ted's letters compelling is the way the beloved enters into and energizes the writing; she might as well be at his side, urging him on. All that he's observing and feeling and putting forth is for her, not to make her love him more (though clearly that's also his wish), but as a reflection of her inspiring power, a tribute to his muse, laid at her feet. At the same time, the excitement of writing in the present brings with it the fever of youth going after life and literature head on, the graduate student inspired not only by his lover but by his mentor (in this case Mark Van Doren) and by all-night conversations with his best friend, poet David Schubert.

The letters also offer slices of New York life, off the cuff as it were, observed on the bus and the subway, and, on one occasion, with his friend David in "the narrow trench of a restaurant, surrounded by men on stools & the behind-the-counter waiter's voice." He puts Renée right there, playfully advising "If you hear noises, don't turn around: it's the shoving around of chairs & people's appetites." Then: "While David eats a hamburger, I write this on a table just the least bit larger than this letter. If there are any grease stains on the page, David did it." He goes on to describe the voluble waiter singing the praises of different dishes to the customers, and a "bulgy girl" who complains that the stools are too near the counter, and a girl behind the counter sighing ("Life's so BORING!"), and "fellows sliding by with their dishes," one bumping against David "& David spills half his coffee over the table. By a hair, I save this letter from a darkbrown death by drowning." These playful touches, random details, word choices he might have had second thoughts about in a composed account are all here in the quick of the moment. And he's well aware of what he's doing: "Talk about your ivory-tower writing? You can't say my letters to you don't come straight from the horse's mouth!"

Renée Today

Ted Weiss died in 2003 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Renée has since moved from their home on Haslet Avenue into a spacious apartment at Stonebridge, complete with a piano and numerous well-stocked bookcases, including one containing a complete run of the Quarterly Review of Literature. With the help of some Princeton students, she is still busy going through papers, back issues, and other business in the office at 185 Nassau Street. When asked about how she came to the magazine's rescue early on, she says: "I handled the business. But I didn't know anything about business. I'm an inventor. I learn from what is there. It teaches me." As an example she spoke of the garden she created at Haslet Avenue, and how she turned three trees into ten and a ditch into a river bed: "Every time it rained we had a river. I made out of something practical something beautiful. When I did the David Schubert issue [of QRL, a mixture of biography, letters, and poetry], I did it my way. I like to do things differently." The same idea comes across in Ted's account of Renée's role in the Quarterly's survival when "her many unusual skills ensured our being committed" to it "for much of the rest of our lives."

"As I think back," Renée Karol Weiss says, "I think 'How did I ever do it?' But then I didn't know how I did it. I just did it!"

She was a junior in college when she stepped in to catch the magazine that might otherwise have fallen by the wayside.

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Princeton Atelier Events Set for May 4, May 9

"Bodies of Evidence: Texts and Art Works by Princeton Atelier Students Led by Toni Morrison" will run from May 9 through May 14 at Chancellor Green, Lower Hyphen, on the Princeton University campus. The exhibit opening will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9.

Princeton Atelier students will also be performing *The Return of the Wives: Alcesitis and Hermione* with Allegra Kent and Maria Tucci on Thursday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Matthews Acting Studio at 185 Nassau Street.

Both the exhibit and the performance are free and open to the public. For more information, call 258-3697.

PU Graduate Student Wins Writers of Future Award

Princeton University graduate student David John Baker has been awarded $500 as a third place, second quarter winner of the L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future Contest for new and aspiring writers of science fiction and fantasy. The award was announced by the contest administrators, Author Services, Inc., Hollywood.

The Writers and Illustrators of the Future Contest winners and selected finalists will also appear in the award-winning, annual fiction anthology, *L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future–Volume XXII* (Galaxy Press) which is due in bookstores this fall.

As part of his award, Mr. Baker will attend the gala 22nd Annual Award celebration to be held later this year and participate in the Writers and Illustrators of the Future creative workshop. A graduate student in Philosophy, he has published philosophical writings in the journal Philosophy of Science. His science fiction has won a Phobos Award and appears in the anthology, *Hitting The Skids in Pixeltown*. He currently holds a fellowship from the National Science Foundation and has previously done research at the Fermi National Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois.

The anthology, featuring all the winning stories and including commissioned artwork by the winning illustrators, has been hailed as the premier international publishing showcase for emerging literary and artistic talent in the field of speculative fiction as well as other genres.

More than 250 novels (including one New York Times bestseller) and over 2,000 short stories have been published by former winners of the Writers of the Future Contest. For more information, visit www.writersofthefuture.com.

Translation of Don Quixote: Author to Read at Micawber

Spanish-to-English literary translator Dr. Edith Grossman will read from her new translation of Miguel de Cervantes's *Don Quixote* at Micawber Books, 185 Nassau Street, on Sunday, May 7, from 5:30 p.m.

The event is a benefit for People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos, the Trenton-based non-profit organization that promotes literacy through a reading and discussion program offered in English and in Spanish. Tickets are available at $100 each. Tapas and drinks will be served.

Dr. Grossman is an award-winning translator and critic of contemporary poetry, fiction, and non-fiction by major Latin American writers. She has been described as the most important translator of Latin American fiction in the past century. She has translated more than 30 books of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, including works by the Nobel Prize-winning novelist Gabriel García Márquez, as well as works by Mario Vargas Llosa, Mayra Montero, Augusto Monterroso, Jaime Manrique, Julián Rios and Alvaro Mutis.

Writing in the New York Times Book Review, novelist Carlos Fuentes described Ms. Grossman's translation of *Don Quixote* as "a major literary achievement." "Edith Grossman delivers her *Quixote* in plain but plentiful contemporary English," he said. "Yet there is not a single moment in which, in forthright English, we are not reading a 17th-century novel. This is truly masterly: the contemporaneous and the original co-exist."

Edith Grossman

The 16th-century Spanish classic by Miguel de Cervantes is widely regarded as the world's first modern novel. Ms. Grossman brings to life for English readers the "Man from La Mancha" and his squire Sancho Panza.

In describing the challenges of the translation process, Ms. Grossman said in a speech delivered at the 2003 PEN Tribute to Gabriel Garcia Márquez in New York City: "Fidelity is surely our highest aim, but a translation is not made with tracing paper. It is an act of critical interpretation.... Languages trail immense, individual histories behind them, and no two languages, with all their accretions of tradition and culture, ever dovetail perfectly. They can be linked by translation, as a photograph can link movement and stasis, but it is disingenuous to assume that either translation or photography, or acting for that matter, are representational in any narrow sense of the term. Fidelity is our noble purpose, but it does not have much, if anything, to do with what is called literal meaning. A translation can be faithful to tone and intention, to meaning. It can rarely be faithful to words or syntax, for these are peculiar to specific languages and are not transferable."

Born in Philadelphia, Ms. Grossman now lives in New York City. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she began her career as a translator as an undergraduate with the poems of Juan Ramón Jimónez, which were published in the university literary magazine. In 1963, she spent a year in Spain on a Fulbright scholarship. Then she finished a doctorate in Latin American literature at NYU and moved on to a career as a university professor. Her reputation was established in the late 1980s, with a translation of *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Garcia Márquez.

Gente y Cuentos

Founded by Princeton resident Sarah Hirschman in 1972, *People and Stories/Gente y Cuentos* offers a unique approach to literacy for adults and young adults who may have had limited opportunity to experience the power of literature. Through small workshop environments in libraries led by a trained reader/storyteller, participants are encouraged to discuss the often complex content of short stories and draw upon their own experiences in the process. The program has grown to include trained coordinators conducting programs in English and Spanish in various parts of the United States and in Argentina. The group offers a program of free readings and discussions in Spanish of Latin American short stories at the Princeton Public Library on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m.

For tickets to the reading by Edith Grossman and/or additional information, call 609-393-3230, or visit www.peopleandstories.org.

Princeton Students Read In James Stewart Theater

Students in Princeton University's Program in Creative Writing will be reading from their work as part of the Althea Ward Clark W'21 Reading Series today, Wednesday, May 3, at 4:30 p.m. in the James Stewart Film Theater at 185 Nassau Street. The readings will include fiction, poetry, and translation from the Spring 2006 Creative Writing Classes and will be introduced by Paul Muldoon.

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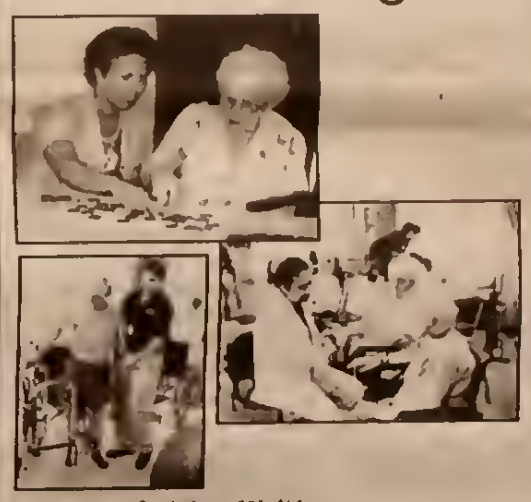
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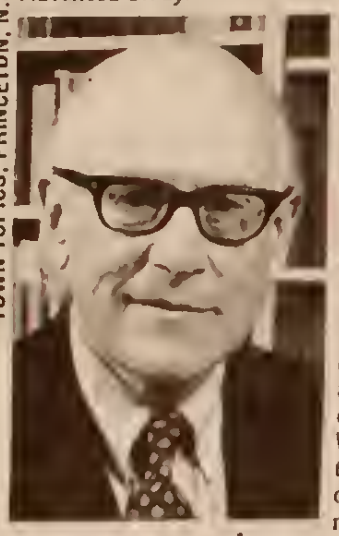
"The Three Romes" Talk by Princeton Author, Historian

Glen Bowersock, a professor in the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study, will discuss the emergence and interrelated fates of Rome, Constantinople, and Moscow in his presentation "The Three Romes" on Friday, May 5, at 6 p.m. in Wolfensohn Hall on the campus of the Institute for Advanced Study.



Glen Bowersock
(Photo by Randall Hagadorn)

Prof. Bowersock is an authority on Greek, Roman, and Near Eastern history. Over the past four-and-a-half decades, he has written or edited more than a dozen books and published some 300 articles on Greek, Roman, and Near Eastern history and culture and the classical tradition in modern literature. These include *Greek Sophists in the Roman Empire* (1969), *Julion the Apostate* (1978), *Roman Arabia* (1983), *Fiction as History, from Nero to Julian* (1994), *Late Antiquity, A Guide to the Postclassical World*, ed. with Peter Brown and Oleg Grabar (1999) and *Martyrdom and Rome* (2002).

Prof. Bowersock has received numerous awards including, in 2004, being named Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur, France's highest civilian honor, in recognition of his scholarship.

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Prof. Bowersock's talk will also address the implications of the triadic concept, and the lessons it has to teach us about our past and our present. The talk celebrates his upcoming retirement from the Institute in July, when he will become a professor emeritus in the School of Historical Studies.

The event is free. Tickets are not required. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. For further information, call (609) 734-8175.

Library Program for Kids Features Baseball, Books

Registration continues at Princeton Public Library for "Take Me Out to the Library," a program combining baseball and books in order to encourage young people to sign up for a library card and to read.

Under the program, children and teens are offered incentives for obtaining a library card and for reaching certain reading "bases." While it hopes to attract children and teens participating in organized baseball and softball leagues, the program is open to all young people.

Participants receive a prize just for registering. After filling in the "Home Run Reading Record," they will be eligible for additional prizes. Reading records were distributed during registration for organized baseball and softball leagues and are available at the library.

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"Take Me Out to the Library" runs through June 3 and is co-sponsored with the Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library System and the Lawrenceville School, with participation from Princeton Little League and the Lawrence Little League .

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For more information, call Princeton Public Library's Youth Services Department at (609) 924-9529, ext. 240.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. When programs require registration, preference is given to library cardholders. The library is in the Sands Library Building at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough.

For more information on library programs and services, visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Abigail Pogrebin

United Jewish Federation Hosts Talk by Journalist

Abigail Pogrebin, author of *Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish*, will be the featured speaker at the Annual Spring Luncheon for the United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks Women's Campaign. The event will take place at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 4, at the Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville. The fee for the luncheon program is $72 or $65 for seniors age 62 and up.

Ms. Pogrebin has been a producer for Charlie Rose, Bill Moyers, and for Mike Wallace and Ed Bradley on 60 Minutes. Currently a freelance journalist, she has written for the New York Times, New York Magazine, Harper's Bazaar, and Salon. Among the 62 Jewish celebrities she interviewed were Sarah Jessica Parker, Natalie Portman, Steven Spielberg, Linda Fairstein, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Leonard Nimoy, William Shatner, and Ed Koch. The subjects talked about their childhood rituals, admitted their superstitions, and discussed their experiences with anti-Semitism and intermarriage.

According to co-chairs of the luncheon Beth Rothman of Princeton and Stephanie Will of Skillman, the Chances for Treasures raffle be repeated this year, and each attendee will receive a gift from local sponsor, Hamilton Jewelers.

For more information, contact Linda Cohen, director of Community Services, at (609) 219-0555.

Alex Rider Series Author Appearing at Jazams

Jazams Bookstore at 15 Hulfish Sreet in Princeton will be featuring a presentation by Anthony Horowitz, the author of the Alex Rider series, on Saturday May 6 between 1 and 3 p.m. In his first major U.S. national tour, the author will present the latest installment, *Ark Angel*, and show the trailer of the upcoming summer movie, *Stormbreaker*, which is based on the series and stars Sarah Bolger, Robbie Coltrane, Stephen Fry, Damian Lewis, Ewan McGregor, Bill Nighy, Alicia Silverstone, and Mickey Rourke.

Mr. Horowitz will reveal how a family tragedy encouraged his fascination with puzzles, passwords, and espionage and ultimately led him to write the Alex Rider books. He will also divulge what it was like on the set of *Stormbreoker* and how his sons test drive the stunts in his books.

The Alex Rider books have sold more than five million copies in the U.S. and over nine million worldwide. Mr. Horowitz is also a screenwriter for television and movies and the creator of *Foyle's War*, England's most acclaimed television series, which aired on PBS. Booksellers voted the Alex Rider series the "best series" for Publishers Weekly's Annual Cuffie Awards.

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Lillian Barraza's Work In Memorial Exhibition

A memorial exhibition and celebration of the life works of longtime Princeton resident and portrait artist Lillian Barraza will be held from May 1 to May 6 at the Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Building (behind Borough Hall) at 45 Stockton Street in Princeton. A reception will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Ms. Barraza was a graduate of the 1944 class (Fashion Illustration & Costume Design) of Cooper Union in New York City, where she attended on a full scholarship. After graduation, she went on to illustrate for the Butterick Pattern Company, as well as several fashion houses on Seventh Avenue, while raising her three daughters: Monica Keim, of West Windsor, and Suzanne and Maria Barraza, both of New York City.

Besides illustrating the latest fashions of the time for several department stores and fashion boutiques, Ms. Barraza also taught History of Costume and Illustration at the Vernon Court Junior College, and Swinbourne schools in Newport, R.I., where she lived for some time. During her fifteen years in Princeton, she was commissioned to paint portraits for local residents. She also volunteered her time to create banners and posters for the Princeton Public Library and Princeton Senior Resource Center.

One of the artist's most recent works, done when she was 85, is an acrylic work of her three daughters, based on John Singer Sargent's *Three Sisters*.

There will be a silent auction of selected works by Lillian Barraza to benefit the Princeton Senior Resource Center, where she was a dedicated participant.

The exhibition will be available for viewing and bids will be accepted between Monday, May 1 and Saturday, May 6. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The winning bids will be announced at the May 6 reception on May 6. For more information, please call (609) 924-7108.

Art by Hessam on View At Mann Art Center

Original acrylics, serigraphs, drawings, works on canvas, board, and paper by Hessam will be shown through May 28 at Lambertville's Howard Mann Art Center.

Hessam's work refines a consistent metaphor: nothing remains still. He measures time by how a body sways. Color, light, and movement redefine each other over and over in the work of the Italian-trained, California-based artist, whose love of music, as well as his favorite theme—of happy lovers—is in evidence throughout the exhibit.

The Howard Mann Art Center is located at 45 N. Main Street in Lambertville. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-2300.

Michener Art Museum Hosts "Poetry in Design"

The James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope is set to present "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross," an exhibition about one of the most decorated and prolific Pennsylvania Impressionist artists. Sponsored by Sanford Alderfer Companies, the exhibit will run from May 12 through October 1, in the Della Penna Gallery.

Mr. Leith-Ross (1886-1973) was known for his carefully composed oil paintings and for his transparent watercolor technique. For more than 30 years he regularly exhibited his watercolors, drawings, and oil paintings at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the National Academy of Design, and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

The retrospective exhibition features a full range of more than 50 oil paintings and watercolors, as well as a selection of his Conte crayon drawings.

The exhibition is accompanied by Associate Curator Erika Jaeger-Smith's book, *Poetry in Design*, which gathers together the artist's work from major museums and private collections for the first time in a richly illustrated volume that showcases one of the most decorated and prolific Pennsylvania Impressionists. The book chronicles Harry Leith-Ross's life from his birth to his final residence in Bucks County. This is the sixth volume in the series of books on Pennsylvania Impressionist artists produced by the Michener curators. It is is co-published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, and retails for $34.95.

Born in the British colony of Mauritius, Mr. Leith-Ross first immigrated to his grandparents' castle in Scotland, and later moved to the United States.

After study in Europe, Mr. Leith-Ross moved to New York, and upon moving to Pennsylvania in 1935, he quickly became an integral member of the New Hope arts community, settling with his wife in Upper Makefield.

In connection with this exhibition, Ms. Jaeger-Smith will give a Curator's Gallery Talk on Thursday, May 18, from 2 to 3 p.m. The fee for members is $5 and $10 for non-members, which includes general admission. Advanced registration is required at michenerartmuseum.org/events/event/749, or by calling 215-340-9800.

"THREE DAUGHTERS": Based on John Singer Sargent's "Three Sisters," Lillian Barraza's painting of her three daughters will be among the works in a memorial exhibition at the Princeton Senior Resource Center in Suzanne Patterson Building (behind Borough Hall) at 45 Stockton Street in Princeton. The exhibition will be available for viewing and bids will be accepted between Monday, May 1 and Saturday, May 6. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The winning bids will be announced at the May 6 reception.

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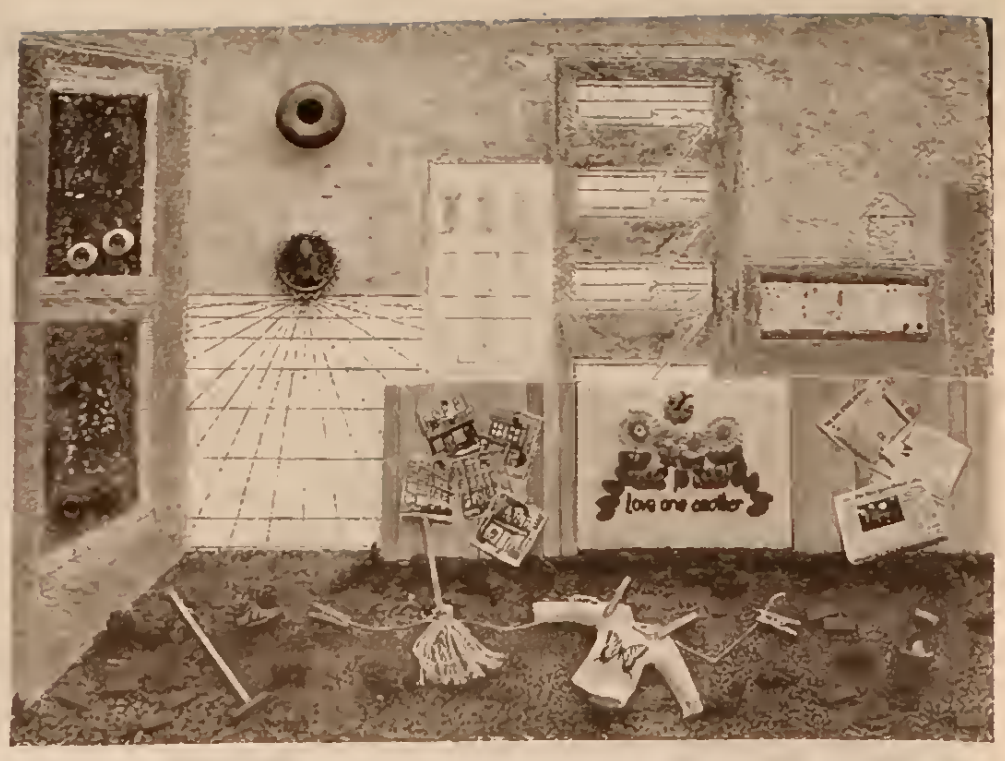
Work by Eugene Gladston On View in Lambertville

"Experiments: Recent Paintings by Eugene Gladston," will be on view at Buck's Ice Cream and Espresso Bar in Lambertville, through May 31.

At 77, Mr. Gladston is known for otherworldly and sensuously surreal work. His mixed media canvases express his lifelong fascination with time and space. He began painting when he was 12 years old and at 15, he took his first formal painting course at the Museum of Modern Art. After majoring in art and writing at NYU, he worked in retail business for 40 years while continuing to paint, exhibit, and sell his art. He first exhibited his work at the Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit in New York City. He maintained his Lexington Avenue studio for 18 years. Known as Gladston's Group East Studio, it became a hub for a public interested in experimental art. In the mid-60's, Mr. Gladston not only painted, but also created kinetic sculptures, which were included in the Experiments in Art and Technology Show at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. His work was also represented at the Winter Gallery and others in SoHo.

In his early paintings, he worked primarily with oil and gouache. As he continued to experiment, he became fascinated with encaustic painting, developing a unique method of melting wax on a gesso base with the addition of paint. His encaustic techniques were featured in the magazine, "1001 Decorating Ideas". Through his work with encaustic painting, Mr. Gladston explores his basic time and space themes: "I always liked abstract tending toward the surreal. I explore the relationship between time and space as it relates to human beings."

Buck's Ice Cream and Espresso Bar is located at 25 Bridge Street in Lambertville, and is open daily from 6 a.m.to 10 p.m. For further information, call (609) 773-0888.



NOW AND TOMORROW: This mixed media work by Eugene Gladston can be seen as part of his show, "Experiments: Recent Paintings by Eugene Gladston," at Buck's Ice Cream and Espresso Bar in Lambertville, through May 31.

Gennady Spirin Exhibit Opens Friday, May 5

Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart will be hosting a month-long exhibit of the works of children's book illustrator and Princeton resident, Gennady Spirin. The exhibit, which opens on May 5, is presented in the Library and Gallery of the Manor House at the Academy. Five original framed lithographs will be hung for display in the Manor House Gallery. Twenty-two children's books illustrated by Mr. Spirin will be on display in the Manor House Library, including original works published in his native Russia. Gennady Spirin has created more than 40 children's illustrated books. His original works reside in the permanent collections of Princeton University and several private collections around the world.

The exhibit is open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in May between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m. The Manor House Library and Gallery at Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart are located at 101 Drake's Corner Road in Princeton. Gallery hours are subject to change. Call (609) 924-8148 in advance to confirm availability.

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Hopewell Railroad Station Presents Art Show, Sale

The Valley Artisans Spring Art Show and Sale will be held May 5 through May 7 at the Freight Shed at Hopewell Railroad Station, 1 Railroad Place, in Hopewell.

The Valley Artisans now has nine members. For the shows at the Freight Shed, the inside of the building is transformed into an inviting environment with hand made chairs and rockers, mosaic tables and wall hangings, quilts and quilt racks, paintings and drawings, beautiful baskets, and pottery and turned wooden bowls displayed tastefully in the room, and at the center of it all, the glass beads and jewelry. The spring/summer shows expand onto the deck around the Freight Shed, inviting the people in the neighborhood to come and look and shop for the handmade art and crafts.

The Valley Artisans are: Chris Twomey, an equine artist who works in pastel, colored pencil, and graphite; Kim Glock, who creates wheel-thrown stoneware pottery; Lynn Ebeling, a basket weaver and former elementary art teacher in the Pennsbury School district; Colleen Conrad has been painting for 12 years and has work at Cranbury Station Art Gallery in Princeton; Valerie Newcamp creates hand made, custom designed mosaic tables and wall hangings; Amy Haftkowycz designs her jewelry around the lamp-worked glass beads which she creates individually by hand.

Painter Jody Furch grew up in and around Hopewell, and many of his painting are of familiar scenes of the area; Ann Pietropinto is a longtime quilter who is attracted to fabrics from the 18th and 19th century. Gerry Brenner is a retired Hunterdon Central High School shop teacher who creates turned wooden bowls and windsor style chairs.

For more information on The Valley Artisans, visit www.edgeofthewoodsstudio.com or contact The Valley Artisans at colleen@edgeofthewoodsstudio.com.

For hours and more information, call (609) 818 9275.

Cranbury Artist Broomer At the Gourgand Gallery

Cranbury's Gourgaud Gallery is presenting "The Suburbs to the Metropolis," a one-person show of the works of Zenna Broomer. The artist's reception will be Friday, May 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Zenna Broomer moved to Cranbury in the late sixties, a recent immigrant from the British Midlands. The early paintings on view evoke houses still standing as they were back when Plainsboro was unspoiled farmland. Over the years the artist has developed a bond with the industrial sprawl she sees while driving on the N.J. Turnpike, and this body of work defined in the abstract now dominates her paintings. She also still finds beauty in Manhattan, and a featured series of post 9/11 etchings shows immediately recognizable landmarks.

The gallery is located in the Cranbury Town Hall.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS: Zenna Broomer's painting of the Cranbury soda fountain was done in 1968 when gas was selling for 34 cents a gallon. Cranbury's Gourgaud Gallery is presenting a one-person show of her works this month. An artist's reception will be Friday, May 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.

AT THE RECEPTION: (from left) Nancy Shill and Charles Pellegrino talking with the artist, Paul Matthews, during the opening reception for his exhibit, "Double Portraits—A Retrospective," which will be at the Riverrun Gallery in Lambertville through May 31. Located at 287 South Main Street in the Laceworks, the gallery is open daily except Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Brothers Moon Hosting Fine Art Craft Show, Sale

The Brothers Moon at 7 West Broad Street in Hopewell will be hosting a Fine Craft Show and Sale on Sunday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The featured artists will be Ann Calandro (collage), Jennifer Elliott (specialty jams), Beth Judge (jewelry), Ursula Kaplowitz (pottery), Marian Macchi (jewelry), Lori Saporito (photography), and Pamela Shafer (pottery).

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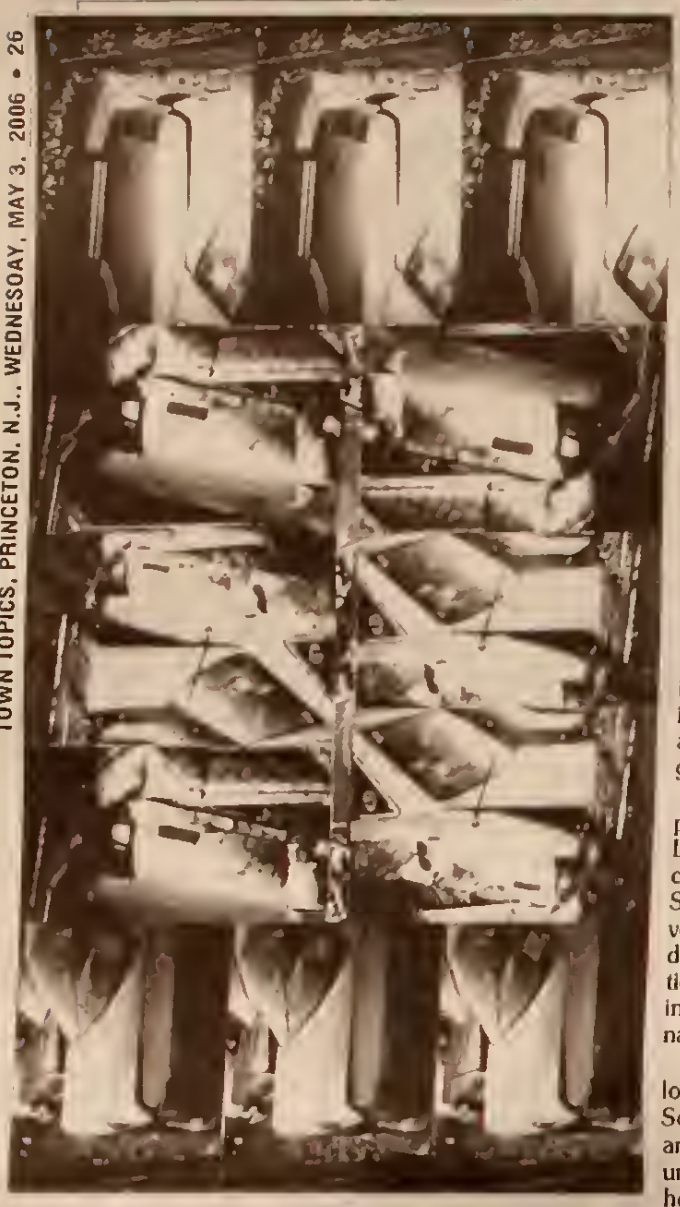

"YOU NEVER KNOW": This photo collage by Vicky Culver is part of her exhibit at Small World Coffee in Princeton. An artist's reception will be held on Friday, May 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The show will run through June 5.

When in Rome Local Artist Appears in Two Exhibitions

Area photographer Nick Barberio, who showed his work earlier this year with Martin Schwartz at Hopewell's Gallery 14 in a show called "Hieroglyphs," has been in Rome arranging to produce and present two entirely different exhibitions of his work. He has also been accepted into the Fotografia Festival Internazionale di Roma, the international photography festival that has been held in Rome for the last five years.

Mr. Barberio's first show, "Visibile Parlare," was at the bookstore Fahrenheit 451 in Campo de' Fiori. The title, "Visible Speaking" in English, is an expression taken from *The Divine Comedy* concerning a visual art so potent that it succeeds in communicating as though it were actually language.

The second show, on display until May 18 at Rome's L'Impiccione Viaggiatore, is called "Trasporto: The Other Side." Set in an imaginary universe where humankind is rendered passive by its inventions, the exhibit is presented in the style of a comic-book narrative.

Mr. Barberio has worked locally for Princeton Adult School, McCarter Theater, and the Princeton Art Museum. When he is not in Rome, he lives in the Princeton/New York City area.

For more details, visit www.nickbarberio.com, or www.limpiccioneviaggiatore.com, and www.fotografiafestival.it.

POETRY IN MOTION: This piece of five-lane automotive imagery was captured by area photographer Nick Barberio, who has worked for Princeton Adult School, McCarter Theater, and the Princeton Art Museum. His photography has been exhibited at Gallery 14 in Hopewell and, more recently, at two venues in Rome.

Vicky Culver's Collages On View at Small World

Small World Coffee is presenting an exhibit of collages by Vicky Culver throughout the month of May. A native of Liverpool, England, she has been a New Jersey resident since 1987 and has won numerous awards and appeared in many group shows since she began creating collages in 1996. This will be her tenth solo show and her first in Princeton.

An artist's reception will be held on Friday, May 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The show will run through June 5.

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AREA EXHIBITS

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting a new exhibit featuring the work of Susan Hoenig that will run through May 18.

A.R.T.space Gallery, 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton, will be presenting "The Passion of the Underdogs," which will feature painting and sculpture by contemporary artists working with A.R.T. at Woodbridge Developmental Center in Woodbridge. The exhibit will be on view through May 5.

Buck's Ice Cream and Espresso Bar in Lambertville is hosting "Experiments: Recent Paintings by Eugene Gladston," through May 31.

Coryell Gallery in Lambertville is exhibiting cityscapes and landscapes by Marge Chavooshian and Nancy Silvia for the Annual Spring Exhibition from now through May 28. The gallery is at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is presenting a joint exhibition by two Gallery 14 members, Tasha O'Neill and Martin Schwartz. The exhibit will run through May 28. The gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

Grounds for Sculpture's Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is currently presenting "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture by Jeff Kahn and Rein Triefeldt" through July 15, 2006. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty at 34 Chambers Street in Princeton is presenting a retrospective of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic through June 23. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Howard Mann Art Center, 45 N. Main Street in Lambertville, is presenting original acrylics, serigraphs., drawings, works on canvas, board and paper by the California artist Hessam through May 28.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is presenting an exhibit featuring Ilene Sunshine and Bennett Bean. The exhibit will run through June 4. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is set to present a new exhibit, "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross," from May 12 through October 1, in the Della Penna Gallery. There is still time to view a major exhibition of works by photographer Ansel Adams, through May 14. "Radical Vision: The Revolution in American Photography," which will be on view through May 28. Two new exhibits: "The Heart of Haiti," which features 20 portraits by Philadelphia-area photographer Andrea Baldeck, will run through July 9. "An Enduring Gift:The Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest Collection," will be on view through July 2. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum is presenting "Piranesi: Architecture of the Eye and Mind" through July 27; "Dialogues: Mexican Modernity," through June 25; "Strange Mr. Satie Comes to the Zimmerli: Children's Book Illustrations by Petra Mathers," through July 16; Soviet Propaganda Posters, Part III, through October 1; "Serialities, Part 2: Repetition and Narrative in Soviet Nonconformist Art," through September 17. "In and Around Dvizhenie (The Movement Group)" will be on view in the Dubrow Galleries through October 8. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

Morven Museum is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will run through November 26.

The Peggy Lewis Gallery at the Lambertville Public Library is presenting "Terra Nova, New Paintings by Diane M. Santarella," which will run through May 17.

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The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

The Princeton Senior Resource Center, Suzanne Patterson Building (behind Borough Hall) at 45 Stockton Street is presenting a memorial exhibition of the works of longtime Princeton resident and portrait artist Lillian Barraza that will run through May 6. A reception will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting a major exhibition, "Mir Iskusstva: Russia's Age of Elegance," which will be on view through June 11. "Worldly Guardians of the Buddhist Law," an exhibition of handscrolls, will be on view at the Princeton University Art Museum through July 9. The exhibition, "Andy Warhol: Electric Chair," will run through June 25.

Riverrun Gallery at 287 South Main Street in the Laceworks in Lambertville is presenting Paul Matthews's exhibit, "Double Portraits – A Retrospective," through May 31.

Small World Coffee in Princeton will be exhibiting the collages of Vicky Culver throughout the month of May. The opening reception will be on Friday, May 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are presenting the Ellarslie Open XXIV, "The Best of the Best," through June 11.

University League of Princeton at 171 Broadmead will be showing the oil and pastel paintings by Marcia Miller from May 7 to May 20. An opening reception will be held on Sunday, May 7, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The University Medical Center at Princeton will be showcasing the work of close to 100 artists in ArtFirst, an international juried exhibition and sale featuring art and fine crafts by professional artists with physical and mental disabilities. The show will run through Friday, May 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m daily.

CONVERSATION: This tea time scene is among the oil and pastel paintings by Marcia Miller that will be exhibited at University League of Princeton at 171 Broadmead, from May 7 to May 20. An opening reception will be held on Sunday, May 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. After the reception, which is open to the public, appointments for private viewing may be arranged by calling (609) 258-3650.

ARTIST AND ART: Princeton resident Joanne Augustine, shown with her watercolor painting, "Early Autumn," is among the 20 Wheaton College alumnae whose work will be featured in "Art in the Barn," an exhibition and sale to be held Sunday, May 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the restored barn at the Johnson Education Center, which is located at One Preservation Place, just off Rosedale Road. The ticket price of $45 includes a cocktail buffet with music by Sandy Maxwell. Thirty percent of the proceeds will benefit the Wheaton College Scholarship Fund. For tickets and more information, call Mary Murdoch at (609) 924-1373. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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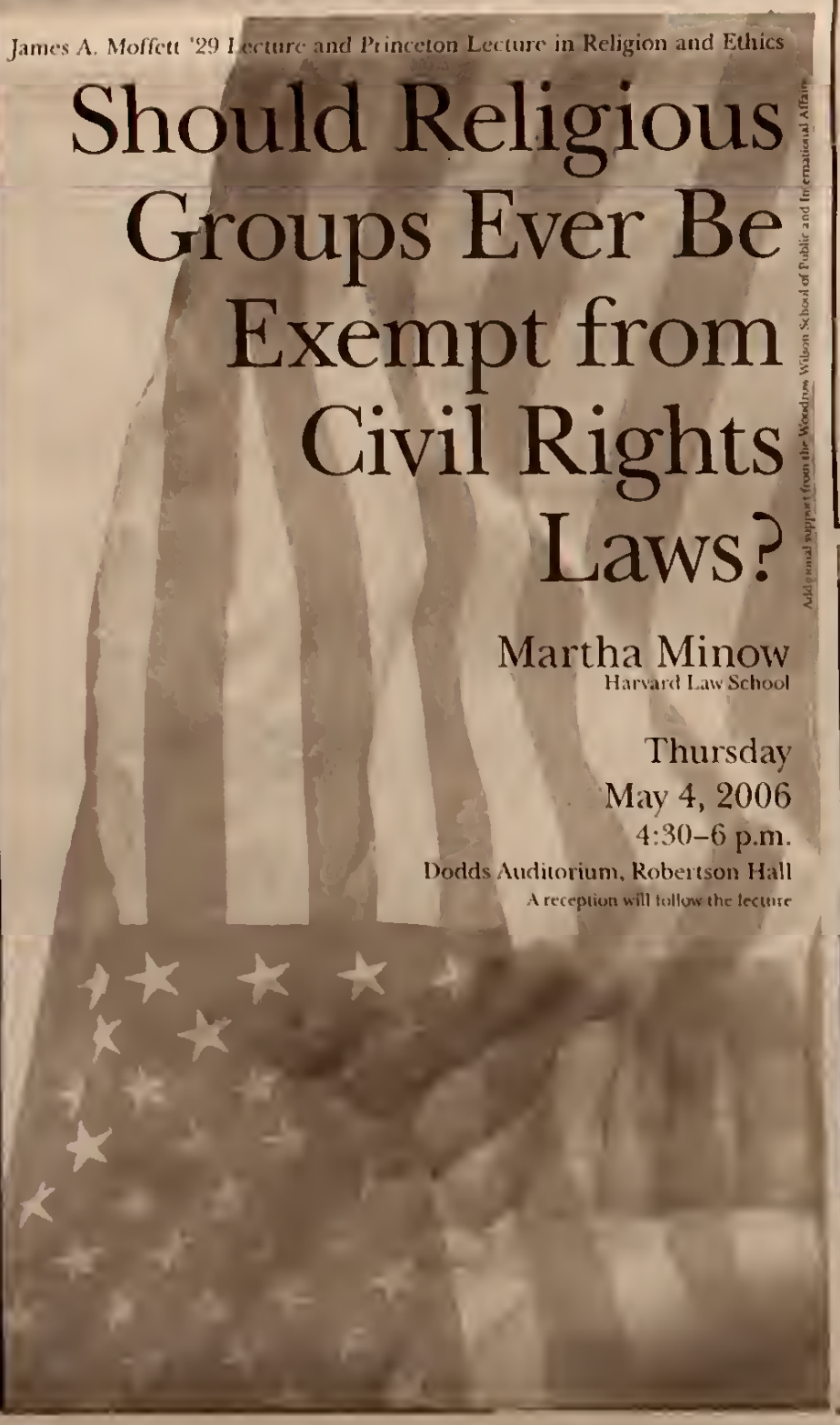

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MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton University Glee Club Closes Season With Towering Bach Masterpiece

Former Princeton University Glee Club conductor Walter Nollner was renowned for performing big choral works. In the thirty-four years he conducted the Glee Club, Professor Nollner introduced hundreds of University students to the great masterworks of the choral repertory. So it was no surprise that the current Glee Club conductor, Dr. Richard Tang Yuk, chose one of the greatest of these works to honor Professor Nollner on Saturday night at Richardson Auditorium in the Glee Club's closing concert of the 2005-2006 season. What was a very pleasant surprise was that Saturday's performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* was lean, quick, and precise, and so well prepared that not even a brief power outage could stop the music.

Bach's musical settings of the Passion texts were part of a tradition rooted in the Reformation and the aims of the German Lutheran church to make the Gospel more accessible to the congregation. Other composers also wrote Passion settings, but Bach's *St. Matthew* and *St. John Passions* have stood the test of time because of their intricate music, together with Bach's ability to create the perfect combination of instruments, including the human voice.

St. *Matthew Passion* sets a number of vignettes from the events of Holy Week, interpreted from the Gospel of *Matthew*, and combined with Christian contemplations and popular Lutheran chorales of the day. With so much text to cover, key to the success of this passion is the character of the Evangelist, sung Saturday night by William Watson. Mr. Watson is no stranger to either this *Passion* or 18th century vocal works, and his declamation of the text moved quickly and comprehensibly. Mr. Watson adeptly changed inflection as the action of the story changed mood, and was a solidly cohesive element in holding the performance together.

As Jesus, Steven Condy took a gentler manner with the dialog, with an almost operatic approach to the recitatives and clear focus on the rhythm of the text. As was common in Bach's time, the third major character was an alto, sung by counter-tenor Daniel Bubeck. Although Mr. Bubeck's voice was one of the lighter voices of the evening, he maintained an effective flow with the two flutes accompanying him in his first recitative. In his aria describing Jesus on the cross, Mr. Bubeck demonstrated the wide vocal range demanded by this piece, showing why a counter-tenor was the best choice for this role.

Bach provided commentary to the text in the form of arias by three other soloists. Soprano Ellen Hargis has made a career of singing music of this period, and although occasionally overpowered by the instruments, her musical style and interpretation were impeccable. She was accompanied in her arias by a variety of instruments, most notably oboists Virginia Brewer and July Brye, cellist Rosalyn Clark, and bassoonist Atsuko Sato in her aria on salvation. Bach seemed to personify Mary Magdalene in the soprano arias, and Ms. Hargis presented this character well.

Tenor Nils Brown began with a ferocious recitative in the Garden of Gethsemane, and settled in well with the accompaniment of bassoon, oboes, and flutes. Ms. Brewer and Ms. Brye switched back and forth during the evening between oboe diamore and oboe da caccia, enabling Mr. Brown to easily change character from an appalled observer to a faithful disciple.

Bass Daniel Lichti was the weakest of the quartet, seemingly looking for drama in the music with a *sotto voce* approach, but in fact making it hard to hear him. Mr. Lichti showed his mental fortitude when the power went out in his final aria, plunging players, singers and audience into complete darkness. When the generator lights came on ten seconds later, Mr. Lichti and his accompanying instruments had missed hardly a beat—an amazing feat considering no one could actually read their music.

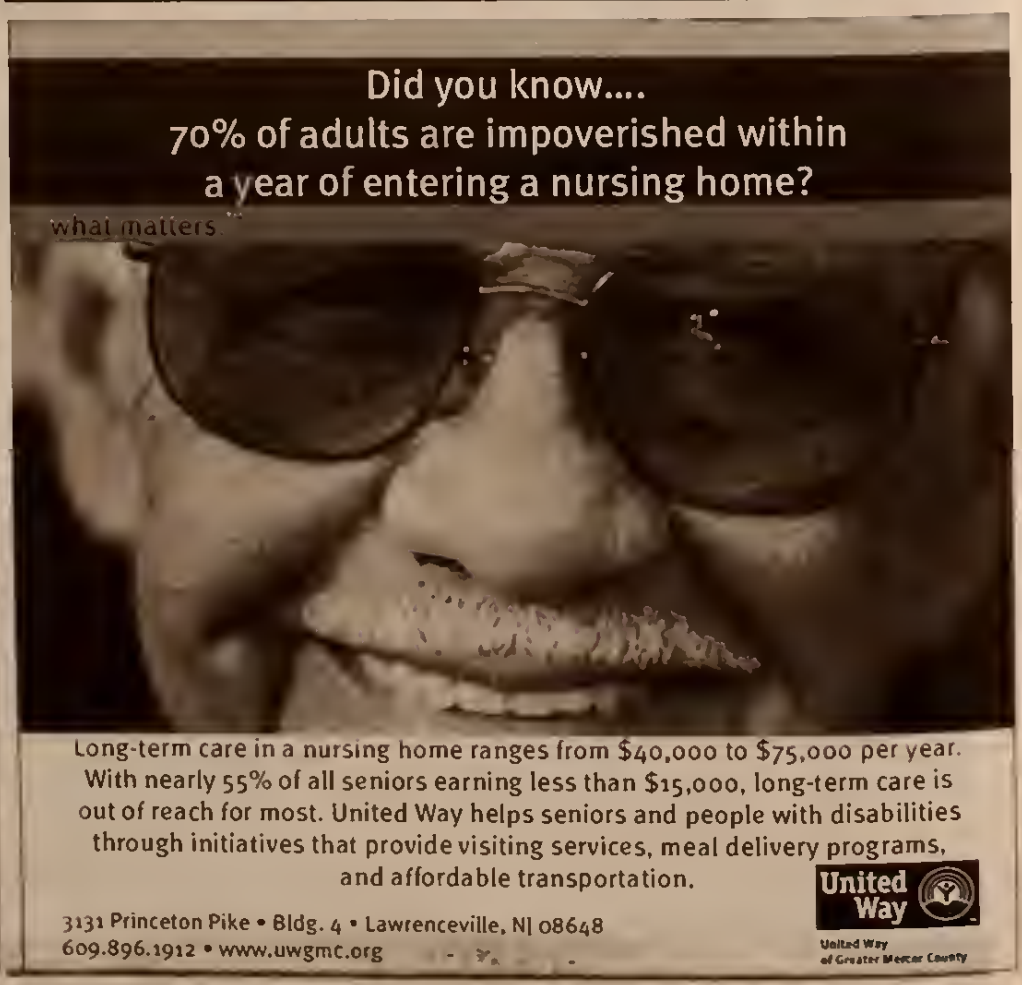
A number of Glee Club singers had solos as minor characters, including Juliet Forshaw, Jeff Schwegman, Veronica Alfano and Jocelyn Miller, Kirk Doran, Zaafir Kherani and John Travis were effective as High Priests, Lilly Arbisser sang the role of Pilate's wife, and Sean Effinger-Dean performed well the recurring role of Judas. Paul Speiser sang a later but effective part as Pilate.

Like the tragedies of ancient Greece, the chorus served several roles commenting on the action and providing crowd responses. The choruses were often dialogs between the two choirs, and the choral singers were well rehearsed and precise. Dr. Tang Yuk moved the choruses along (the chorales were especially fast), and he clearly tried to find variety in mood among the chorales. The chorale concerning God's will was particularly steadfast and sturdy, and the *a cappella* chorus describing the death of Jesus was especially sublime.

The orchestra Dr. Tang Yuk compiled for this work was small and clean. Among the most lyrical of the obligate instruments was Carlene Stober, accompanying several singers on the viola da gamba. Edward Brewer provided solid continuo accompaniment on the portative organ, joined by cellist Ms. Clark and contrabassist John Carbone.

To close the season, the Glee Club provided a technically solid and musically sound send-off to the seniors within their midst. Walter Nollner would have appreciated this performance, especially its departure from the mammoth 19th century tradition to a more lean and refined approach for the 21st century.

—Nancy Plum



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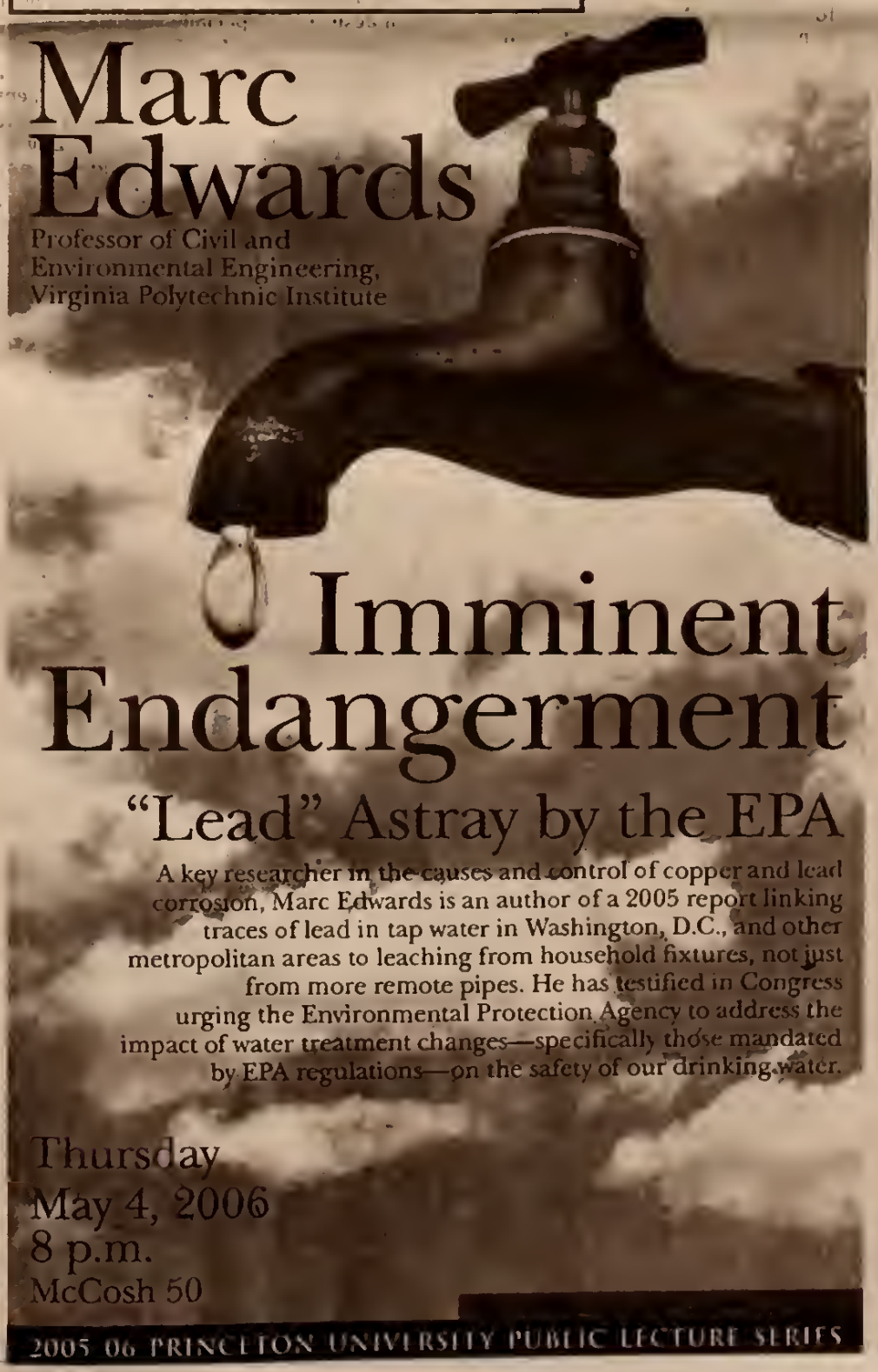

NJOT Ensemble to Offer One-Act Concert Operas

The New Jersey Opera Theater's Singer Circle will offer a performance of one-act concert operas at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 50 Cherry Hill Road, on Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m. The program will include Leonard Bernstein's *Trouble in Tahiti*, Mozart's *The Impresario*, Gian-Carlo Menotti's *The Telephone*, and the Trio and Finale from Richard Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*.

The concert will mark the final appearance for the Singer Circle during its 2005-06 season, which has included concerts and master classes at Grounds for Sculpture, the Princeton Public Library, and New Brunswick's Zimmerli Art Museum.

Trouble in Tahiti (1952) is a one-act opera in English about a housewife and her disillusionment over her husband's cheating ways. The comedic *The Impresario* was first performed in 1786 and portrays the problems of an impresario as he deals with a group of female performers. Written in 1947, *The Telephone* follows the amusing relationship of Ben and Lucy and the telephone that nearly keeps them apart. In the 1911 *Der Rosenkavalier*, the Trio and Finale resolve all the scandals and romantic hijinks.

Founded in 2002 and based in Princeton, New Jersey Opera Theater seeks recognition as a leader among regional opera companies. Through quality opera performances, sustainable education programs, and related activities, NJOT seeks to stimulate interest in opera, create new and sustained audiences for opera, and foster the development of emerging artists.

Tickets to the concert are $15, available at the door.

FAMILY REUNION: The vocal trio The Roches, comprising the three Roche sisters Maggie (left), Suzzy, and Terre Roche, will perform at McCarter Theatre on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in their first concert together in ten years. The sisters were fixtures at McCarter for 20 years until 1996, whey they decided to go their separate ways. Blending church choir music, traditional Irish folk, contemporary folk, rock, country, and pop, the Roches' 1979 album was named best record of the year by The New York Times. Tickets, from $20 to $30, may be ordered by calling the McCarter ticket office at (609) 258-2787 or by visiting www.mccarter.org.

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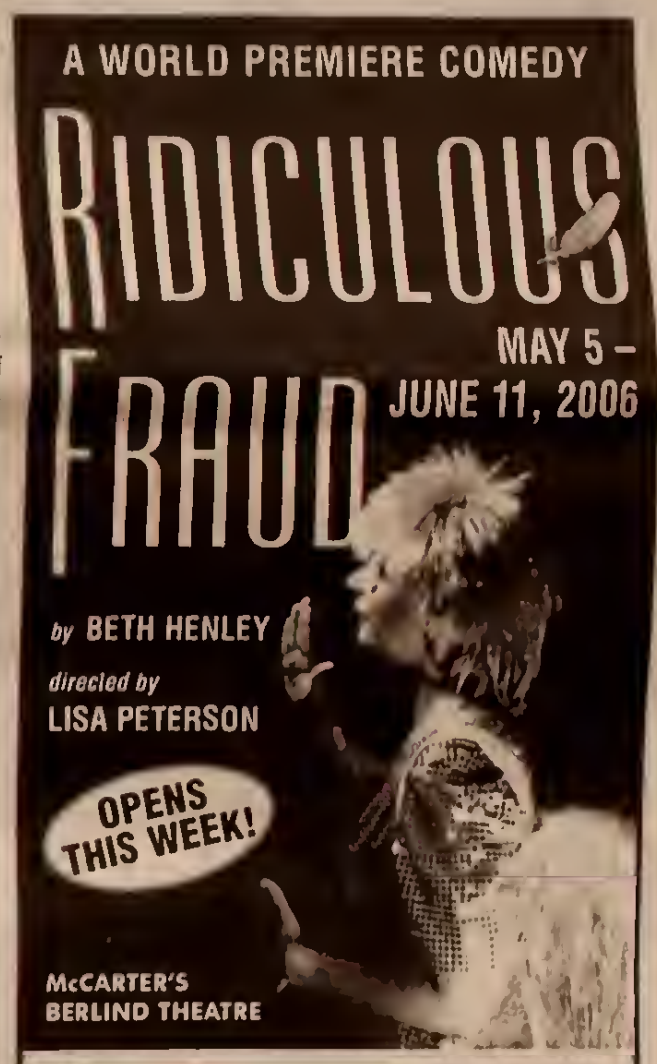
Kingston Music School Names Contest Winners

The New School for Music Study of Kingston has announced the winners of its annual Composition Contest for children. They are Sophie Burnham-Lemaire and Amy Liu of Princeton, Julien Johnson and Jessie Johnson of Franklin Park, Sarah Maher of West Windsor, Liana Principe of Kendall Park, Jennifer Liu and Chris McFarland of Pennington, and Hannah Lohr-Pearson of Plainsboro. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Jonathan Santos of Princeton, Azhad Syed of Princeton Junction, and Nandini Devineni of Kendall Park.

The winning compositions will be performed at the school's 45th Spring Recital Series on Friday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. at the Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4561 Route 27. All recitals are free and open to the public.

Founded in 1960, The New School is a not-for-profit laboratory school for the Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy. It offers group and private piano instruction to children and adults. Advanced students, accepted by audition, participate in the Program for Excellence in Piano Study Program.

For more information on the Spring Recital Series, or to receive information about the summer class offerings, call (609) 921-2900.



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Accompanying Ms. Schneider and Ms. Wolfe on piano will be Nariaki Sugiura.

Ms. Schneider and Ms. Wolfe are both graduating from college this spring and starting graduate programs in the fall. Ms. Schneider is graduating from the University of Delaware with a B. M. in music education, violin concentration. She has received a graduate assistantship from the University of Maryland and will be pursuing a master's degree in string pedagogy and violin performance next fall.

Sara Wolfe

Ms. Wolfe is graduating from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in cello performance. She has received a graduate assistantship from Ithaca College and will begin working towards a master's degree in cello performance in September.

Alessandra Schneider

The concert will feature works by J.S. Bach, Barber, Rachmaninoff, and Saint-Saens. A suggested donation is $15 for adults and $5 for children.

For more information and/or reservations, call (609) 466-1365. Seating is limited to 50 people.

Rider Plans Jazz Concert With Westminster Faculty

The jazz faculty of Westminster Conservatory will perform original jazz music and arrangements this Saturday, May 6 at 8 p.m. at the Rider University Art Gallery in the Bart Luedeke Center on Rider's Lawrenceville campus.

Performers will include Tara Buzash on piano and keyboard, Ben Cahill on electric bass, Warren Gramm on electric guitar, Tom Hyland on drums, Flora Newberry on trumpet and vocals, Steve Rozek on tenor saxophone, Heather Teffenhart on violin and viola, and Kevin Willois on flute and triangle.

The evening will also include Ben Cahill's funk grooves inspired by Austrian jazz pianist Josef Zawinul, a bossa nova that Mr. Willois adapted from a Hector Villa-Lobos piece, and a jazz waltz with lyrics written and sung by Ms. Newberry.

Ms. Buzash is artistic director and organizer for the Westminster jazz faculty concerts. Three of her works will be performed: *Steve's Song*, an original composition about her husband; *The Devil Went Down To Georgia*, a jazz arrangement of The Charlie Daniels Band's country hit; and *Hey Jude*, a jazz-rock interpretation of the well known Beatles' hit.

Most of the performers are on the faculty at Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College.

Admission to this concert will be free. For more information, call the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663 or visit www.rider.edu/arts.

OPERA SINGERS: The Singer Circle, members of New Jersey Opera Theater, will perform a concert of one-act operas on Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church. The ensemble — from left, Matthew Curran, Emily Ford Dirks, Leandra Ramm, Julia Spanja, Paige Cutrona, Adam Alexander, Abigail Fischer, Sung-Bae Kim, and Steven Williamson — will be making its final appearance of the current season. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Following Hurricane Katrina, Preservation Hall established a relief fund for New Orleans musicians affected by the disaster called Do You Know What It Means. All net proceeds from the concert will benefit this fund to support New Orleans' greatest cultural export, its music.

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NORTHERN LIGHT: The much-honored Canadian folksinger and songwriter Gordon Lightfoot will make a rare New Jersey appearance when he performs at New Brunswick's Stato Theatre on Friday, August 3 at 8 p.m. A five-time Grammy nominee, Mr. Lightfoot is the winner of 17 Juno Awards in Canada and is the 1997 recipient of the Governor General's Award, the nation's highest honor, for spreading Canadian Culture around the world. A member of the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame, his songs include "Early Morning Rain," "Sundown," "Beautiful," "Rainy Day People," and "Softly." They have been recorded by Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley, Sarah MacLachlan, Barbara Streisand, Peter, Paul & Mary, Harry Belafonte, Richie Havens, Glen Campbell, and Anne Murray, among others. He recently appeared in the 2005 "Live 8" concert televised worldwide. Tickets range from $35 to $65, and may be ordered by calling (732) 246-7469.

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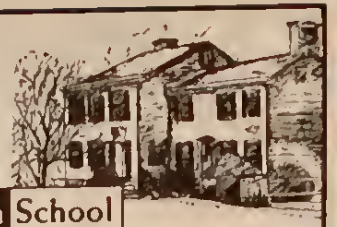

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Shakespeare Camp, a new offering for 12- to 18-year olds, will be coming to Princeton this summer, from June 26 to July 7 at Ivy Hall, Trinity Church. Camp hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The camp will culminate with a student adaptation of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* at the Princeton Public Library on Saturday, July 8 at 2 p.m.

"We want to get young people fired up about the richness of Shakespeare's language through acting, singing, and performance," said Shakespeare Camp program director Mary Greenberg.

Shakespeare Camp will provide daily workshops in vocal technique, movement, monologue, and scene work. Students will be encouraged to be inventive, share ideas, and perform for one another. "Many Shakespearean texts have been set to songs, providing a great way for students to use their acting and singing voices more effectively," said the Camp's vocal director, Joy Bechtler.

Directing the campers in their play performance will be Julia Poulos, previous education director for the Princeton Rep Summer Shakespeare Festival.

Enrollment is limited to 15 campers. Daily attendance and ability to memorize are mandatory.

Ms. Greenberg made her New York City acting debut at the American Theater of Actors in a showcase of one-act plays. She received her acting training at Carnegie Mellon University, McCarter Theatre, and HB Studio in New York City. A founding member of Princeton Writers Block, she is currently on the Artist Faculty of Westminster Conservatory of Music. She also maintains a private piano teaching studio in Princeton.

Ms. Bechtler is a classical singer and voice teacher. She has appeared in operas, concerts, and recitals as soloist with orchestras and choirs in Oklahoma, New Jersey, New York, and California; and in Italy, Israel, Sri Lanka and the Caribbean. A member of the Westminster Conservatory faculty, she has also taught at Phillips University in Oklahoma and at the Pingry School.

Ms. Poulos is principal of All the World's a Stage, a human resources development company specializing in effective speaking workshops, management and professional development, and personalized coaching. Her theatrical credits include appearances as Lady Macbeth, Portia, Eleanor in *Lion in Winter*, and Agnes in *A Delicate Bolonce*.

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"FOLLES" FUN: Steven Murin of Hillsborough, left, will star as Georges, and Tom Chiola of Trenton as his partner Albin, in "La Cage Aux Folles," arriving at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre on Friday, May 12. The musical comedy will run through May 21. For tickets, call (609) 684-9444.

Kelsey Theatre to Offer "La Cage Aux Folles"

The hit Broadway musical *La Coge Aux Folles* will be presented by Pierrot Productions at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre over two weekends this month — on Fridays and Saturdays, May 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sundays, May 14 and 21 at 2 p.m. An opening night reception with the cast and crew will follow the May 12 performance.

Based on the French film, *La Cage* tells the story of middle-aged partners Georges and Albin, who live a contented life as owner and featured performer, respectively, of a drag night club in St. Tropez. Chaos ensues when Georges' son, Jean-Michel, announces his engagement to Anne, the daughter of a local politician who is waging a campaign to "clean up" St. Tropez night life, especially drag clubs like La Cage. The original Broadway production received six Tony Awards including Best Musical; the 2005 revival received two Tonys.

La Coge was also made into a 1996 film, *The Birdcage*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane.

Starring in *La Coge* will be Steven Murin of Hillsborough as Georges, Tom Chiola of Trenton as Albin, Virginia Barrie of Ewing as Marie, Brendan Burns of Philadelphia as Jean-Michel, Ruth Markoe of Lawrenceville as Jacqueline, David Nixon of Trenton as Jacob, Blaire O'Leary of Hopewell as Anne, Paul Saunders of Lawrenceville as Edouard, and Matthew Whiteside of Morrisville, Pa., as Francis.

The show will be directed by Pete LaBriola, with musical direction by Lou Woodruff and choreography by Abbey Newell.

Tickets are $16 for adults, $12 for seniors, $10 for students and children, and may be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 684-9444.

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Library Series on Women To Feature Iranian Film

The Fifth Reaction, a modern feature film from Iran, will be the fifth movie to be presented in the Princeton Public Library series "Real Danger, Reel Danger: The Truth of Women's Lives" when it is screened on Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Library. The event is free and open to the public.

Cosponsored by the Arts Council of Princeton and the Library, the film series has featured films that examine forms of oppression that threaten women's well-being, focusing on the dangers confronting women in all parts of the world. Following each screening, members of the film selection committee lead the audience in a discussion of the issues raised by the movie.

Directed by Iranian film director Tahmineh Milani, *The Fifth Reaction* tells the story of a Tehran mother and teacher whose autocratic father-in-law demands that she relinquish to him her two young children following the death of her husband. With the support of four friends, she is determined to resist him, thereby challenging the rules of a patriarchal society and in the process finding her own voice.

Introducing the film will be Prof. Negin Nabavi, an independent scholar whose research focuses on modern Iran. She has taught courses on Iranian cinema at Princeton University and the University of Maryland for the past seven years and is currently a fellow at the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Prof. Nabavi will also lead the post-screening discussion. According to Prof. Nabavi, *The Fifth Reaction*, released in 2003, falls into the category of films with a social message, "sort of an Iranian version of Thelma and Louise," and is an accurate representation of women's lives today in Iran.

The final film in the "Real Danger, Reel Danger" series will be *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio*, a true story made into a feature film in 2005 starring Julianne Moore. It will be shown on Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

MCCC Schedules Annual Alumni Theatre Evening

An evening of jazz, refreshments, and comedy awaits alumni and other community members when Mercer County Community College hosts its fourth annual Alumni and Friends Theatre Evening on Friday, June 2. The event will begin with a light dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room at the Student Center, and be followed by the 8 p.m. opening night performance of *Lucky Stiff* at the Kelsey Theatre.

Jazz saxophone music will be provided by MCCC alumnus Jacques Chancy '99, a professional musician and music teacher, during the reception.

Lucky Stiff, presented by Maurer Productions OnStage, is a fast-paced farce by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty combining music, comedy, mystery, and murder.

At the conclusion of the performance, theater goers will be invited to share refreshments with the cast and crew in the Kelsey Theatre lobby.

Tickets are $20. For more information or to order tickets, call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3607.

"The Little Mermaid" Due May 20 at Kelsey Theatre

American Family Theatre, one of the nation's leading producers of musicals for families and young audiences, will presents its musical version of *The Little Mermoid* at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre on Saturday, May 20 at 2 and 4 p.m.

The show is based on the Hans Christian Andersen tale about a beautiful mermaid, Mera, who is about to visit the world above the sea for the first time. Her life takes an unexpected turn when she rescues a handsome prince from drowning. Desperate to see him again, Mera makes a pact with the Sea Witch, who grants her the power to walk and live on land. But Mera must win the prince's heart or meet a disastrous fate.

American Family Theatre performs each year in more than 400 venues. Its creative team includes directors, designers, composers, actors, and technical personnel.

Tickets for *The Little Mermoid* are $8, and may be ordered online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 584-9444. The Kelsey Theatre is located on Mercer's West Windsor Campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

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State Theatre Announces 2006-07 Season Schedule

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The season will open on Friday, September 22, with Stomp, the international percussion group, one of seven Broadway titles to be presented. In addition to two titles from Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Cots* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the Broadway series will include *Wonderful Town* with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Comden and Green; Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aido*; *Mon of Lo Mancha*; and Cirque Éloize in *Rain*.

The theater's classical series will open Friday, September 29, when the New York Philharmonic and music director Lorin Maazel cross the river for their State Theatre premiere. "Because we have a wonderful hall with superb acoustics, it only makes sense that we explore and develop a serious music program that offers exciting repertoires and artistic collaborations," said State Theatre president and CEO Wesley O. Brustad. Other orchestras in the theater's classical series will be the Moscow State Symphony, Filarmonia Arturo Toscanini, and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields.

The theater's concert schedule will include Gordon Lightfoot on August 3, The Dave Brubeck Quartet on October 20, Olivia Newton-John on October 28, Pink Floyd Experience on November 4, Pat Boone's Christmas on December 3, Bobby Vinton on February 14, and Richard Nader's Magic Moments To Remember on April 13.

Opera fans will be offered the Tri-Cities Opera, New Jersey Opera Theater, and Bulgarian State Opera, all making their State Theatre debuts.

Dance aficionados will be able to choose between contemporary and classical fare. The contemporary dance troupe Pilobolus Dance Theatre will appear in October, followed by two newcomers to the State Theatre, the Manhattan-based Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet and Streb, a Brooklyn troupe known for its slogan, "They Dance, You Sweat." The Martha Graham Dance Company, the nation's oldest contemporary dance company, will perform in March and, in May, New Jersey's American Repertory Ballet will share the evening with a guest company in a program of modern dance including the Twyla Tharp Octet.

To commemorate its 85th anniversary, the theater will offer a free matinee performance of the movie *White Oak* (1921), starring William S. Hart, the first feature film to be shown at the theater on December 26, 1921. Silent film fans will also be offered Rudolph Valentino and Vilma Banky in Valentino's last film, *The Son Of The Sheik* (1926), and *Ben-Hur* (1925), the MGM version of the Lew Wallace classic starring Ramon Navarro as Ben-Hur.

In an attempt to combat the winter blahs, the Theatre will present Hub City Carnivale in February, a three-week celebration focusing on performances with hands-on activities for families and children. Hub City Carnivale will also feature performances by author and humorist Garrison Keillor, *Showtime at the Apollo on Tour*, and a weeklong residency at Crossroads Theatre and final performance at the State Theatre by the dance company Streb.

For entertainment with an international flavor, the season will also include the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, Mombasa Party featuring The Royal Drummers of Burundi, Mexico's Los Folkloristas, the Budapest Festival Dance Ensemble, and Celtic performers Eileen Ivers and The Chieftains.

For a complete 2006-07 season schedule, visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

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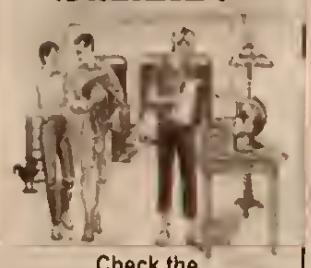

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Ill-Fated 9-11 Flight Revisited as Hyper-Realistic Profile in Courage

The pre-release publiclty about this film revoived around the question of whether, five years after the fact, 9-11 was still too sensitive a subject for a movie. The cynic in me suspects that this controversy might have been stirred up by a publicist trying to generate attention, because after all, three television docudramas specificaliy about United Flight 93 had already been accepted by the American public.

First came, *Let's Roll: The Story of Flight 93* (2002), foilowed by *The Flight That Fought Back* (2005), and then *Flight 93* (2006). Rather than wondering if this picture might have been made too soon, speculation probably should have been whether the publiic would want another chronicling of the tragic events that occurred aboard the iii-fated airliner.

WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO OUTWIT THEM: Passengers on United flight 93 compare notes as they confer with each other as they devise a strategy to try to defeat their captors.

(Photo by Jonathan Olley)

United 93 departs significantiy from the abovementioned docudramas in two critical respects; it avoids the temptation to exploit sentimentality and the symbois of patriotism. By not wrapping itseif in the American flag, demonizing the evildoers, canonizing the heroes, or focusing on the tearful telephone farewells to family and friends, the film ends up being far more effective emotionally. It focuses tightly on the tragedy, not as a rallying cry in support of the war against terror, but from the perspective of 40 ordinary people responding to the realization that their jet has been hijacked by terrorists.

Director Paul Greengrass devised this hyper-realistic approach. The acclaimed British writer/director adopted the same technique in making *Bloody Sunday* (2002), a documentary-style drama recounting the massacre of 13 peaceful irish protesters by British soldiers. Greengrass is known for bringing dynamic intensity to his films, so *United 93* should come as no surprise to those familiar with his earlier work.

Four aircraft were seized by Muslim extremists on 9-11, but only Flight 93 failed to hit its target. It departed from Newark Airport at 8:42 with 44 aboard: 33 passengers, 7 crew members, and 4 hijackers. From the transcript of the plane's black box voice recorder, as well as from phone calls placed by a dozen victims, we know that the conspirators stormed the cockpit at 9:26 A.M., two minutes after the captain had been warned of a possible emergency situation.

The passengers valiantly attempted to take control of the plane a half-hour later, after they had learned from outside sources of their captors' intention to turn the aircraft into a weapon of destruction. Armed with cutlery, boiling water, and a food cart, they charged up the aisle, inspired by Todd Beamer's rallying cry of "Let's roll!" But the extremists at the controls of the plane flew it into the ground before the passengers could take charge of the plane's controls.

In *United 93*, director Greengrass remained painstakingly faithful to the known facts, although he does take liberties in filling in missing details with likely scenarios.

The film unfolds on that fateful September morning by initially inter-cutting staged shots of terrorists, travelers, and air traffic controllers with actual televison scenes of the Trade Center and the Pentagon in flames. We also see the ineptitude of the FAA, and the inability of NORAD to defend the country from the air.

Once the terrorists take charge of Flight 93, the movie becomes claustrophobic, concerning itself solely with the point of view of those inside the plane. For instance, we hear only the passengers' half of their phone conversations and how they decided to hatch a plan to retake charge of the aircraft after they compared notes about the fragmentary information they had received from the outside world.

The cast is comprised of accomplished actors augmented by actual airline personnei, including some of the air traffic controllers on duty during 9-11.

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Excellent (★★★★). Rated R for profanity and intense sequences of terror and violence. Running time: 111 minutes. Studio: Universal Pictures.

—Kam Wiliams

AT THE CINEMA

Akeeloh ond the Bee (PG for mild epithets). Keke Palmer stars in the title role in this inspirational tale about the efforts of a precocious 11 year-old from L.A.'s South Central ghetto to make it to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. with the help of a mysterious mentor (Laurence Fishburne) and over the objections of her mother (Angela Bassett).

Americon Dreamz (PG-13 for sexual references and profanity). Dennis Quaid is at the center of this social satire as a second term President of the United States who is booked by his chief of staff (Willem Dafoe) as a celebrity judge on an American Idol-type, reality-TV series in order to boost his approval rating. With Hugh Grant as the host, Mandy Moore appears as a game show contestant, Jennifer Coolidge as her pushy stage mom, and Marcia Gay Harden as the First Lady.

The Benchwormers (PG-13 for profanity and for crude and suggestive humor). Rob Schneider, David Spade, and John Heder star as buddies out to makeup for their unathletic backgrounds as children by forming a three-man baseball team and taking on the best Little Leaguers in the state.

Friends with Money (R for sex, expletives and drug use). Female empowerment film about the relationship of a struggling ne'er-do-well (Jennifer Aniston) with three, life-long friends (Joan Cusack, Catherine Keener and Frances McDormand) whose once comfortable marriages are suddenly in crisis.

Hord Candy (R for profanity, violence, alcohol abuse, and sex involving an underage teen). Psychological thriller about a 32 year-old pedophile (Patrick Wilson) who seduces a 14 year-old (Ellen Page) over the Internet and talks the girl into coming over to his place to pose for some perverted photos.

Hoot (PG for bullying and brief profanity). Heartwarming comedy about a nature boy raised in the mountains of Montana (Logan Lerman) whose family relocates to Florida where the lad leads a crusade to protect a population of endangered owls threatened by corrupt politicians, avaricious land owners and inept police officers.

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG for coarse language and sexual innuendo). Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Denny Dillon again lend their voices to a variety of prehistoric creatures in this family-oriented, animated sequel set just before the Earth starts to thaw. Replacing Kristen Johnson, Cedric the Entertainer, and Jack Black are Queen Latifah, Jay Leno, and Seann William Scott.

Inside Man (R for profanity and violence). Two-time Oscar-winners Denzel Washington and Jodie Foster co-star in this cat-and-mouse crime caper about a bungled bank robbery which turns into a hostage situation. Top flight cast includes Oscar-nominees Willem Dafoe and Clive Owen, plus Christopher Plummer and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

Kinky Boots (PG-13 for profanity and mature themes). British comedy about a shoe factory heir (Joel Edgerton) who figures out how to revitalize the sinking family business when he befriends a black transvestite (Chiwetel Ejiofor) who comes up with the bright idea of catering to drag queens.

Mission Impossible III (PG-13 for action violence). Secret Agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and sidekick Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames) return for another round of hi-tech, high-impact hijinks, squaring-off against a bloodthirsty arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Cast includes Laurence Fishburne, Keri Russell and Billy Crudup.

The Notorious Bettie Poge (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Gretchen Mol handles the title role in the bio-pic about the famous, fifties pin-up girl who ended up the subject of a Senate investigation because of her kinky bondage photos.

R.V. (PG for crude humor, sexual innuendo, and off-color language). Robin Williams and Cheryl Hines star in this road comedy about a dysfunctional family whose cross-country trip to Colorado in a camper turns out to be the summer vacation from Hell.

Scory Movie 4 (PG-13 for sex and expletives, crude humor, and violence). Anna Faris, Regina Hall, Anthony Anderson, Leslie Nielsen, Charlie Sheen, Simon Rex and Carmen Electra return for another round of the horror genre, including spoofs of *War of the Worlds*, *The Village*, *Saw*, and more.

The Sentinel (PG-13 for intense violence and sensuality). Political potboiler featuring Michael Douglas in the title role as the First Lady's (Kim Basinger) disgraced bodyguard who ends up trying to clear his name while on the run from a couple of fellow Secret Service Agents (Kiefer Sutherland and Eva Longoria) after being framed as the mastermind of a still unfolding plot to assassinate the President (David Rasche) of the United States.

Silent Hill (R for gore, profanity, disturbing images, and violence). Radha Mitchell stars in this horror film about a woman whose seriously-ill daughter (Jodelle Ferland) disappears in a haunted, deserted town they encounter on their way to a faith healer.

Stick It (PG-13 for crude language). Missy Peregrym stars in this sports film as a 17-year-old reformed rebel who returns to gymnastics with the help of a mentor (Jeff Bridges) after a run in with the law.

Thank You for Smoking (R for sex and expletives). Satirical comedy chronicles the efforts of a tobacco lobbyist (Aaron Eckhart) who tries to remain a role model to his 12 year-old son (Cameron Bright) knowing full well that the cigarettes he's promoting are lethal.

Tsotsi (R for profanity and gruesome violence). Adapted from the Athol Fugard novel of the same name, this tale of redemption focuses on the spiritual transformation of a young gang leader (Presley Chweneyagae) during the half-dozen days he cares for an infant he accidentally kidnapped during a carjacking.

United 93 (R for profanity, violence, and intense terror). Dramatic, real-time recreation of the 90-minute flight of the plane hijacked by terrorists on 9/11 which crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to retake the airliner before it could be flown into a target in Washington, D.C. With David Alan Basche as Todd "Let's Roll!" Beamer.

The Wild (G). Disney computer-animated feature about the misadventures of a young lion (Greg Cipes) accidentally shipped back to Africa from a New York zoo. Luckily for him, his father assembles a menagerie of pals (including an anaconda, a giraffe, a squirrel, a koala and a wildebeest) who put aside their differences to mount a daring rescue. Voiceovers include William Shatner, Jim Belushi, Janeane Garofalo, and Keifer Sutherland.

—Kam Williams

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TOWN TOPICS STAFF AND FRIENDS: The friends were Grace Willard (second from left) and Roxy (in Robin Broomer's arms). Staff members (from left): Lynn Adams Smith, Robin, Barbara Wenitsky, and Reilly LaMarche.

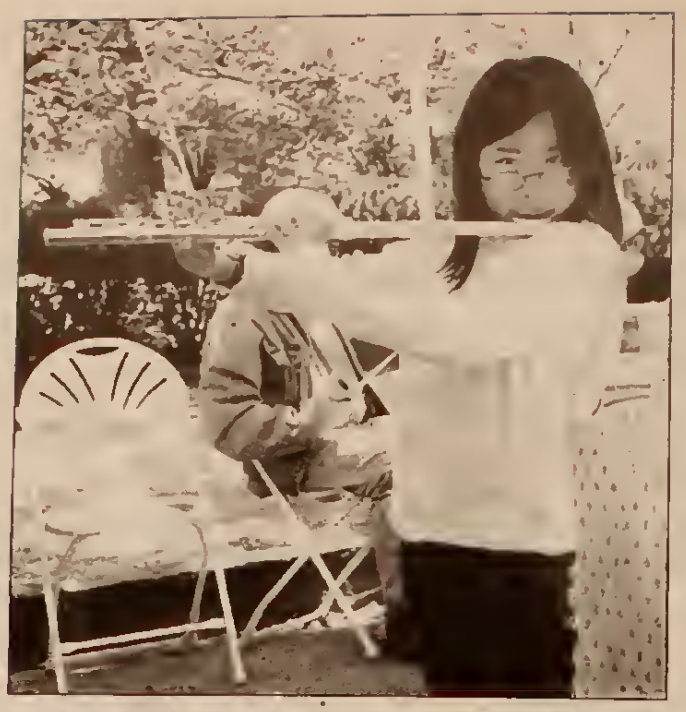
(Photo by George Vogel)

A SLAPSTICK MASTERPIECE: The art of the custard pie as played out in the sunny slapstick setting of the Communiversity carnival. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

STREET LIFE: Witherspoon Street looked like a cross between a pedestrian mall and a carnival midway during Saturday's weather-perfect CommunIversity festival.

(Photo by George Vogel)

KICK-OFF: Is it dance or self-defense? Princeton Martial Arts Academy puts on a high-kicking demonstration at Communiversity. *(Photo by George Vogel)*



IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON!: Among the many treats available at Communiversity's carnival of delights was the Princeton Symphony Orchestra's Instrument Petting Zoo. Doing the petting here is Anina Murray. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

A TOUCH OF SPAIN: Flamenco was on the menu at Communiversity last Saturday. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

LIVING SCULPTURE: You could bring her to life just by pushing a button. Another scene along the Communiversity midway. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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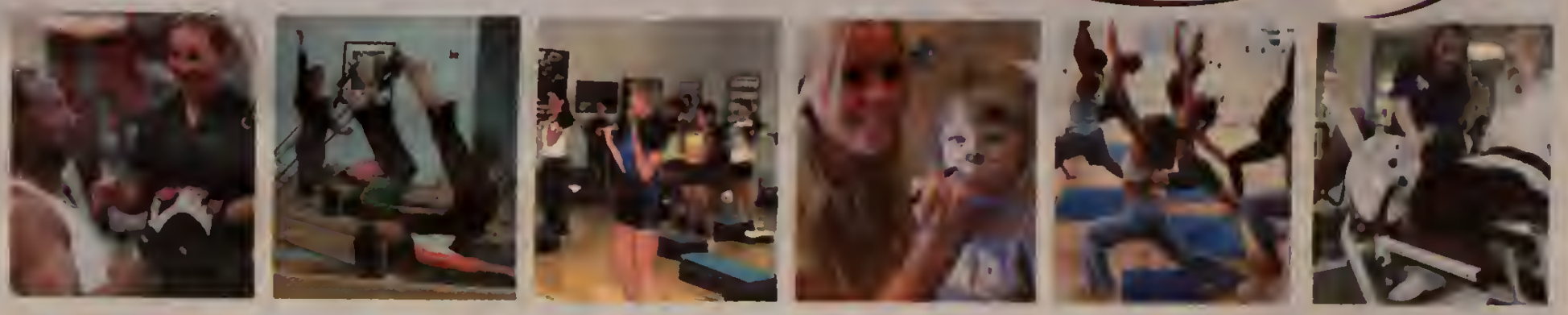

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Sports

PU Baseball Rallies From Slow Start; Will Face Harvard in Ivy Championship

When the Princeton University baseball team skidded to a 0-7 start in Ivy League play this spring, it looked like the club had little chance to end the spring with any kind of title.

But senior star Zach Wendkos and his Tiger teammates never lost the faith in their ability to emerge as a championship squad.

"We've always been a confident team," asserted Wendkos, a catcher-third baseman for the Tigers. "We knew what we were capable of; we just had to maintain and keep going. We lost a lot of close games; we knew that everything would come together."

That confidence was well founded as Princeton proceeded to reel off wins in 11 of its next 13 league games, clinching the Gehrig crown and setting up a clash at Rolfe Division winner Harvard in the best-of-three Ivy League Championship series. The victor will advance to the upcoming NCAA tournament.

CATCHING FIRE: Princeton University senior star Zach Wendkos heads to the mound in action earlier this spring. Last week, Wendkos helped Princeton sweep Cornell in doubleheaders on Friday and Sunday to clinch the Ivy League's Gehrig Division title. Wendkos hit .322 with 30 RBIs and a team-high seven homers as Princeton has won 13 of its last 15 games. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

After Princeton swept Gehrig rival Cornell 4-3 and 12-3 last Sunday, Wendkos said the team wanted to build momentum heading into the showdown with the Crimson.

"We wanted to end the regular season on a high note," asserted Wendkos, who had two RBIs in game two Sunday for Princeton which ended up four games ahead of Penn in the Gehrig race.

"We came out here and played hard just like we have all season. All cylinders are going. Our pitchers have been throwing well all year and our hitting is stepping up now. I think we are playing our best baseball at the right time."

Wendkos entered the spring determined to get the most out of his senior season, looking to atone for a 2005 campaign that saw Princeton fall short of the Gehrig title for the first time since 1995.

"We were really successful in my first two years here," said Wendkos, a second-team All-Ivy selection in 2005. "Last year was a down year. I really wanted to come out and leave with a bang. We put in lots of work in the offseason and it is paying off."

The 5'11, 185-pound native of St. Petersburg, Fla. has gone out of his way to keep an even keel as the Tigers struggled earlier in the spring.

"I just try to come out and play hard everyday," said Wendkos, who has a .322 batting average with 30 RBIs and a team-high seven homers.

"I try to do everything I can do to help the team. I really like handling the pitching staff; it's one thing I like to concentrate on. The hitting will come; I just have to stick with it."

Wendkos also focused on providing some leadership to team's less experienced players. "We have a young team this year and I've been trying to help the younger guys along," added Wendkos. "We're showing them the way we do things around Princeton baseball and how we've been so successful in the past. They've done a great job for us all year long."

Princeton head coach Scott Bradley acknowledged that success has not come easy for his team this spring. "We tell our guys it's just been a really bizarre year for us," said Bradley, whose club is currently 16-22-1 overall and 11-9 in Ivy play and will finish the regular season with a game at Rider on May 3.

RIGHTING THE SHIP: Princeton University baseball head coach Scott Bradley surveys the action in a game last month. Bradley's steady leadership helped Princeton rebound from an 0-7 start in Ivy League to earn the program's 10th Gehrig Division title in the last 11 years. The Tigers, who are 16-22-1 overall and 11-9 in Ivy League play, will play at Harvard this weekend in the best-of-three Ivy League Championship series. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

"If you look at the statistics, our stats were exactly the same or better than in a lot of years when we've had a lot of wins. We just had a stretch where we we had a tough time; we gave up two-out hits and we couldn't get the two-out hits on the offensive side of things."

In Bradley's view, his team showed a lot of character in digging out of its early hole. "They started to doubt themselves a little bit," said Bradley, a former major league catcher who is in his ninth year guiding the program and has led Princeton to five Ivy titles.

"I think we saw some toughness come back in our guys. When we were 0-7, we just needed to win a game and that's what exactly we did."

Another key to Princeton's turnaround was its consistent pitching. "The pitching staff has been fantastic; they've kept us in games," maintained Bradley, whose three top starters have been Christian Staehely (4-1, 2.44 ERA), Eric Walz (2-2, 3,51 ERA) and Erik Stiller (3-3, 3.54 ERA). "When we had that stretch where we lost 14 of 15 games our starting pitching gave up more than five runs once, maybe twice."

With his team on a roll, Bradley is confident about the showdown with Harvard, which is 20-18-1 overall and 14-6 in Ivy play which includes a 4-1, 8-2 sweep of Princeton on April 1.

"We feel pretty good going into next week," said Bradley, who cited the hot bat of sophomore Spencer Lucian (10-for-21 with 10 RBIs in Cornell series) as another cause for optimism.

"We didn't clinch anything with the Gehrig division; it just gives us the chance to play for something important. Our guys are used to being in the position where they are playing for the Ivy League championship."

Wendkos and his teammates certainly don't look at themselves as underdogs coming into the series which starts on May 6.

"We think we have just as good a shot as anybody," said Wendkos.

"We've gotten ourselves to this point; it's anybody's game now. We're in the same position as Harvard. We are really confident that we can take this momentum and turn it into a couple of victories."

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Kovler's Sharpshooting in the Midfield Sparks PU Men's Lax in Ivy Stretch Run

It is his first Ivy League men's lacrosse title race and Princeton University freshman midfielder Mark Kovler is making quite an impact.

Last Saturday, Kovler scored a goal and added two assists to help Princeton outpoint Dartmouth 16-11 in a critical Ivy contest.

The win lifted ninth-ranked Princeton to 9-4 overall and 4-1 in Ivy play. The Tigers trail Cornell (5-1), which has clinched the league's automatic berth to the upcoming NCAA tournament due to its recent 4-3 win over Princeton.

The 6'0, 185-pound Washington D.C. native, who scored two goals and had an assist to help Princeton to an 11-5 win over Rutgers on April 26, was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Week for his six-point week.

While Kovler's cannon-like shot has stamped him as a dangerous weapon for Princeton, he credits his teammates with putting him in a position to excel.

"The most positive adjustment for me here has been playing with people who are good enough to set me up," said Kovler after the win over Rutgers.

"I got set up by Peter Trombino and then Josh Lesko tonight. The speed of the game is greater in college and the goalies are a lot better. Playing with these guys is the reason why things are opening up for me."

Kovler acknowledged that the Tigers had to go through some collective adjustment in the wake of their disappointing loss to Cornell.

"It's definitely a growing process," said Kovler, who now has 15 goals on the season, the third-most for a freshman midfielder behind Chris Massey's 21 and Lorne Smith's 19.

"We were down, losing to our main league archrival in a heated game. We haven't been that down this year. We came back in Sunday for practice and worked hard. This game wasn't won tonight; it was won by getting over last Saturday and not feeling sorry for ourselves."

Princeton head coach Bill Tierney was happy with the way his team bounced back from the Cornell setback.

"The difference tonight is that when we were missing shots in the first quarter, we didn't put our heads down," said Tierney, who got two goals from Trombino and Alex Haynie in addition to Kovler in the win over Rutgers.

"We didn't stop shooting. That's a good goalie (Greg Havalchak) we scored 11 goals on. I think the kids kept plugging even though we weren't getting it done in the first quarter."

The Tigers certainly kept shooting as they topped Dartmouth last Saturday in a shootout that saw the teams combine for 81 shots.

Trombino and Scott Sowanick both had three goals and two assists in the win over the Big Green with Sowanick later being named the Ivy League Player of the week for his efforts.

While Tierney was happy that his offense kept clicking he sounded a note of caution in assessing the victory over Dartmouth.

"It was good," said Tierney, whose team had been giving up just 5.8 goals a game coming into last Saturday.

"I just sent the kids a note saying that while they can enjoy the excitement of the win and that things came easily on offense we have to be mindful that we gave up 11 goals and that's a cause for concern."

Tierney is confident that young guns like Kovler can help keep the team excited. "I think that Mark Kovler, other than Alex Hewit, was our MVP the other day against Cornell," asserted Tierney. "I think he inspired some of the older guys by showing them if you shoot hard, good things can happen. I think the younger kids really grew up in that loss."

With the NCAA tournament around the corner, Princeton is hoping to grow into a title contender. "I think that the kids have always been committed to excellence," said Tierney, whose club plays at Brown this Saturday, needing a win to clinch a share of the Ivy title. "You can talk about that but until you go through the pain of hard work and see the wins that result, you don't know what commitment means. I think they are starting to get it."

Kovler, for one, is pumped up about the chance to take that commitment into his first NCAA tourney.

"If we can really get rolling here, that would be awesome," said Kovler. "Maybe we'll get to play some of the teams we have faced earlier this season. We're going to try to go as long as we can."

—Bill Alden

ON THE MARK: Princeton University freshman midfielder Mark Kovler, right, races up the field last week on his way to a two-goal performance in Princeton's 11-5 win over visiting Rutgers. Last Saturday, Kovler chipped in a goal and two assists to help the Tigers to a 16-11 win at Dartmouth. Kovler was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Week for his output.

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ELBOW ROOM: Princeton University sophomore attacker Alex Haynie, right, wards off a Rutgers defender in Princeton's 11-5 win over the Scarlet Knights on April 26. Haynie fired in three goals last Saturday as the Tigers topped Dartmouth 16-11 to improve to 9-4 overall and 4-1 in Ivy League play. Ninth-ranked Princeton plays at Brown this Saturday, needing a win to clinch a share of the Ivy title.

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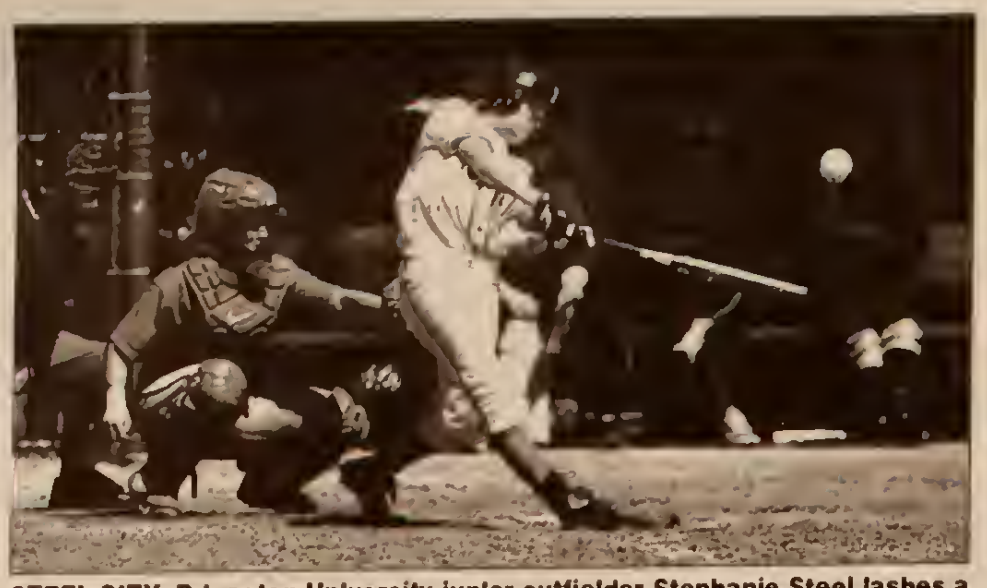

STEEL CITY: Princeton University junior outfielder Stephanie Steel lashes a hit in action last month. Steel went 4-for-7 with three RBIs last Saturday to help Princeton sweep St. Joseph's 6-0, 5-1. The wins lifted the Tigers to 31-16, marking the 13th time in program history the team has won 30 games in a season. Princeton, which is 5-1 since clinching the Ivy League title on April 23, plays at Rider on May 6 to close out the regular season. It will find out its NCAA assignment on May 14 with regionals to start May 18.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PU Women's Water Polo Takes 3rd at Easterns

Courtney Mee had a big day as the Princeton University women's water polo team edged Bucknell 9-8 in overtime last Sunday to claim third place in the Eastern Championships.

Mee scored two goals in the contest, including the game winner in overtime. Elyse Colgan and Carolina Ardila also scored two goals for the Tigers in the win.

A day earlier, Princeton had fallen 8-5 to Michigan to get eliminated from title contention. The Tigers finished the season with a 20-6 record, the program's eighth consecutive 20-win campaign.

McCareins, Dekker Sign With NFL Squads

Princeton University football standouts Jay McCareins and Jon Dekker signed contracts with NFL teams last Sunday after the conclusion of the league's annual draft.

McCareins, a first-team Division 1-AA All-American pick at defensive back, signed with the Arizona Cardinals while Dekker, an All-Ivy League tight end, inked a deal with the defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

McCareins, whose older brother, Justin, is a receiver for the New York Jets, was the ultimate playmaker for a Princeton squad that won seven games for the first time since 1995. He scored four touchdowns this season despite not gaining one offensive yard all season. He returned interceptions for scores in wins over Lafayette and San Diego, and he returned a missed field goal 100 yards for a score in the season-ending 30-0 win over Dartmouth.

His biggest play came when he returned a fourth-quarter kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown for the winning margin in a 27-24 victory at Harvard. The final play of his career, fittingly, was an interception, the ninth of his season and 18th of his brilliant career.

While McCareins was the leader of the Tiger defense this season, Dekker grew into the leader of the receiving corps as the starting tight end. He led Princeton with 32 receptions and four touchdowns, both of which were career highs. He averaged 11.5 yards per catch and scored touchdowns in crucial consecutive victories, a 20-17 overtime win against Cornell and the 30-13 win at Penn, Princeton's first victory over the Quakers since the 1995 season.

PU Women's Rowers Post Key Victories

Making history, the Princeton University women's open crew completed the program's first-ever 14-win season as it raced past Tennessee, Massachusetts, and George Washington last Saturday at Lake Carnegie.

The top-ranked Tiger women's crew covered the course in 6:44.7 with Tennessee next in 7:06.7, Massachusetts at 7:11.4, and George Washington fourth in 7:13.3.

The Princeton women's lightweight crew also came up big last Saturday as it edged top-ranked Harvard-Radcliffe, beating the Crimson for the first time in three tries this spring. Princeton clocked a time of 7:22.2, more than three seconds better than Harvard's 7:25.5.

In upcoming action, the Princeton open and lightweight crews will both compete in the EAWRC Eastern Championship Regatta in Camden on May 14.

PU Track Athletes Excel at Penn Relays

The Princeton University women's 4x800 relay team earned an historic win as it placed first in the College Women's 4x800 race last Saturday at the prestigious Penn Relays.

The Tiger quartet of Catha Mullen, Lindsay Cole, Liz Bergold, and Jordan Wagenseeler clocked a time of 8:54.92 with Western Michigan next in 8:56.21.

In other action at the event, the Princeton men's 4x800 relay placed fourth while the women's distance medley took fourth.

PU Men's Crew Teams Have Big Weekend

The top-ranked Princeton University men's heavyweight crew was in dominant form once again as it cruised past Brown last Saturday to win the Content Cup in competition held on Lake Carnegie.

The Tigers' top boat covered the course in 5:54.1, more than five seconds better than the 5:59.4 time posted by the Bears.

In other action last Saturday on Lake Carnegie, the Princeton men's lightweight crew performed well as it took second in the Goldthwait Cup. Yale finished first in 5:46.2 with Princeton at 5:47.2 and Harvard at 5:47.3.

Princeton men's crews will both compete in the EAWRC Eastern Championship Regatta in Camden on May 21.

Princeton Men's Golf 10th at Virginia Event

Tuning up for its appearance in the upcoming NCAA tournament, the Princeton University men's golf team placed 10th in the Cavalier Classic hosted by the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va.

John Sawin was Princeton's top individual finisher, placing 18th at +8. The Tigers will next be in action when they compete in the NCAA Regionals from May 18-20.

NINE LIVES: Princeton University junior attacker Kathleen Miller races up the field in action earlier this spring. Last Saturday, Miller exploded for nine points on six goals and three assists as Princeton topped Brown 14-6. The win lifted Princeton to 10-S overall and 6-1 in the Ivy League, sharing the title with Cornell. The Tigers earned the league's automatic berth to the upcoming NCAA tournament by virtue of their win over Cornell last month. In upcoming action, Princeton hosts Maryland on May 3 in its regular season finale.

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Overcoming Serious Knee Injury, Formento Sparking PHS Girls' Lax

Her teammates on the Princeton High girls' lacrosse team call Allegra Formento "legs" but a blown-out knee almost kept her from emerging as a key contributor to the squad.

In the third game of the 2005 season, Formento tore the ACL in her left knee, sidelining her for the rest of the lacrosse season as well as last fall's soccer campaign.

Undergoing an arduous rehabilitation which started even before she had surgery, Formento hasn't missed a step in her return to action this spring. The junior midfielder has scored 40 points on 26 goals and 14 assists to help the Little Tigers to a 7-1 start.

Last week, Formento was at her best as she scored four goals and had an assist to help PHS overcome a 4-0 deficit on the way to a 13-9 win at Notre Dame.

In reflecting on the team's rally, Formento said that the bond among the juniors on the team helped spark the comeback.

"All of us bring something special and we all connect well with each other," said a smiling Formento. "We have no seniors on the team and most of us are juniors We've played together since freshman year; we started at the bottom together. A lot of us are friends off the field as well. I think we do a good job of picking each other up. We stay positive."

Those bonds have been deepened by early morning sessions which see Formento and some of her mates honing their skills by playing catch in the gym.

"A bunch of us play early in the morning, just throwing the ball around," said Formento. "We get to school early and play 'wall ball.' I have fun working on my stickwork and I think that shows up."

Her tenacity in getting her knee back in shape is also showing up. "I worked really hard in rehab," said Formento, who still wears a large brace on her left knee.

"I had physical therapy three days a week. I joined a gym, I worked on my own on my strength and upper body. I also wanted to make sure that both legs were equally strong so that I wouldn't hurt the other ACL when I came back. I feel 100 percent."

PHS head coach Joyce Jones knows she is getting a 100 percent effort from Formento. "She's had a miraculous recovery," said Jones, referring to Formento. "She's worked hard; I think she has a different perspective on the game after not playing. Allegra has been a spark for us. Some people like the game, for others it's a passion. She's one of the passion kids."

The Little Tigers' core of juniors has displayed a rare passion for the game. "They've played together all the way through," said Jones, whose other junior stars include team captain Becca Schild, leading scorer Sarah Wright, Elizabeth Haughton, Jesse Mena, Rachel Sverdlove, and star goalie Erin Hoemer.

"What I like about it is that they pick up the stick more than just in the season. The kids are involved in different competitions and they've had a lot of tournament experience."

With PHS assured of having the .500 mark needed to qualify for the state tournament by the mid-May cutoff, Jones is looking for her team to pick up some extensive postseason experience. The Little Tigers will look to keep rolling as they play at WW/P-S on May 3 and Princeton Day on May 5 before hosting Stuart on May 8.

"It's really special to have a season where you're not coming down to the last few games needing to win to get in," said Jones, whose club went 4-12 last season and last played in the state tournament in 2004. "Knowing you're in is a great feeling, it builds more and more confidence."

While PHS' high-powered attack has justifiably garnered much attention this spring, Jones knows that her defense has to keep up its stingy play if her club is to have a good tournament run.

"I think the defense are the unsung heroes of the team," asserted Jones, crediting Mena, Sverdlove, Mary McNutt, Carly Edgcomb and goalie Hoemer for their consistency. "The defense is causing turnovers and setting up double teams. They are denying the ball by taking away passing lanes and Erin has come up with some great saves."

Formento, for her part, is savoring every moment of PHS' superb spring. "I'm really proud of the way our team has been working so hard," asserted Formento. "I'm really glad to be back and playing. I think I have a little bit of an advantage, missing out on a huge chunk of my high school lacrosse career."

Formento is certainly making the best of the time she has left in her PHS career.

—Bill Alden

THE WRIGHT STUFF: Princeton High junior star Sarah Wright comes around the net in recent action. Wright has a team-high 34 goals for PHS which is off to a sizzling 7-1 start. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PASSION PLAY: Princeton High junior midfielder Allegra Formento races up the field in PHS' recent 16-15 win at WW/P-N. Overcoming a serious knee injury, Formento has brought a special passion to the field for the Little Tigers, scoring 40 points on 26 goals and 14 assists in the team's first eight contests. In upcoming action, PHS plays at WW/P-S on May 3 and Princeton Day on May 5 before hosting Stuart on May 8. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PHS Boys' Track Hurt by Inconsistency Plans to Work on Competing Harder

For the Princeton High boys' track team, its effort in a tri-meet last week against Ewing and WW/P-S exemplified the growing pains the young squad is experiencing this spring.

On the plus side of the ledger, the Little Tigers topped Ewing 83-57 to eam their first victory of the season. But at the same time, PHS was no match for talented, veteran WW/P-S, which rolled past the Little Tigers 110.5-29.5.

PHS head coach John Woodside acknowledged that his athletes produced an uneven performance. "I think it was a tale of two meets, coming on the same day," said Woodside.

"We did get our first win which was good. The WW/P-S meet was dilferent; I don't think our guys competed at their best. I think they looked at WW/P-S and just thought that they were too good. You're not shocked when that happens with a young team."

As the Little Tigers gain some experience and savvy, Woodside is relying on some key veterans to show the way. One of his standout performers has been senior thrower Adam Brunner.

"Adam has been a constant for us," said Woodside ol the senior, who undoubtedly gets some of his arm strength from his father, former NFL quarterback Scott Brunner.

"He didn't throw his best against Ewing and WW/P-N but he still won the discus and came in third in the shot put. I think Adam is the kind of guy who can do well in the states."

In Woodside's view, the throwing events are a growing source of strength lor the program. "In the recent past, our throwing has been weak but we have been getting better," asserted Woodside, citing the improvement of such throwers as John McCormack and A.J. Dowers. "Our young guys are doing well."

PHS has some of its older guys doing well in the longer events. "The distance runners have been the rock this year," said Woodside, whose crew of runners includes seniors Christophe Dorsey and Nick Oehlberg together with juniors Dan Cavallaro and Dan Gallagher.

"They have been good just about every meet in the 800, 1,00. and 3,200 races. They had a humbling experience against WW/P-S. Our guys are good but theirs are great. I think it will help in the long run; the guys see what they need to do to get better."

Still, Woodside liked what he saw even on a tough day. "Dan Cavallaro was very, very good for us," added Woodside. "He was third in both the 1,600 and the 800 and he gave me a very good leg in the 4 x 400 relay. Christophe had a pretty good day. Dan Gallagher continues to improve, he did a 4:43 1,600 and an 11:03 in the 3200."

Senior rookie Pete Callahan has emerged as a versatile and valuable runner for Woodside. "We knew Pete was a good athlete," said Woodside ol Callahan who has been a soccer star lor PHS and also competes at a high level in squash.

"He works as hard as anyone. He's done a good job; I'm really proud ol him. He did a PR in the 400 hurdles the other day and ran a 2:07 800. He'll do whatever I ask which makes him really valuable."

The Little Tigers also got some valuable points from their jumpers in order to best Ewing. "Our jumpers didn't jump their best but their points were important in our win," said Woodside, noting that Mike Grier took third in the triple jump and matched his PR in the high jump with a leap of 5'10 while Jerry Ong took lifth in the high jump. "They got the points we needed."

With PHS hosting WW/P-N on May 9, Woodside is cautiously optimistic that his team can work through its growing pains.

"I want to say that we are moving in the right direction but we have a long way to go," said Woodside. "The theme of the next two weeks is to figure out how we can be more competitive. People perceive us as a young, inexperienced team but when I look at our performances I think we may have more overall talent than last year. I think we can be really good if we take up the challenge."

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PHS Boys' Tennis Gains Lessons in MCT Looks to Build on Effort in Homestretch

Coming into the Mercer County Tournament last week with a lineup reshuffled from last year and only a few matches under its belt this spring, the Princeton High boys' tennis team was a long shot for the team title.

Sure enough, the Little Tigers didn't make a challenge lor the crown, finishing in a tie for third with Hopewell Valley with 18 points, well behind winner WW/P-S (32 points) and runner-up Hun (27 points).

But with plenty ol tennis yet to be played this spring, PHS head coach Sarah Heyman believes her squad gained some lessons that could lead to success down the road.

"It's a bit of a learning experience," said Heyman. "We had a couple of guys new to the tournament this year, everyone is pretty much new to the position they are playing. I think everything you do helps in the future. We only have one senior and our whole singles lineup is made up of sophomores"

PHS made it to the semilinals in three flights with David Zheng advancing in second singles together with Aaron Maltby and Chris Nesi in first doubles and Andrew Bergmann and Ari Silver in second doubles.

Only the pair of Maltby and Nesi made it to the finals where they ended up losing 6-1, 6-3 to Dennis Tuan and Ben Cornfeld of WW/P-S.

SLICE AND DICE: Princeton High sophomore David Zheng slices a forehand last week on his way to a fourth place finish in second singles at the Mercer County Tournament. In the team standings, PHS finished in a tie for third with Hopewell Valley with 18 points, behind winner WW/P-S (32 points) and runner-up Hun (27 points). In upcoming action, the Little Tigers have matches at Lawrence on May 5 and Notre Dame on May 8. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Heyman liked the way her players competed on day one of the two-day event. "I was happy with the way they all played in the lirst round," said Heyman. "They all had tough opponents; sometimes you get easy first round draws but we didn't."

Heyman acknowledged that things didn't go so well on day two. "Of course it would have been nice to have more people in the linals," said Heyman.

"We had a couple of tough matches in the semifinals. It was great that Aaron and Chris made it to the finals but they laced a tough opponent and they weren't at the top ol their games. I know they would've liked to have taken lirst but you can't be disappointed with silver."

Heyman wasn't disappointed by Zheng who pushed Aubrey Holmes of Hopewell Valley to three sets before succumbing in the third-place match.

"He came back in the first set of the semis lrom being down 5-1 to 5-4," added Heyman. "He was making a run at it but he got a little dispirited. It is his first year as singles player and he has a lot ol potential."

In Heyman's view, her doubles pairs are on the verge of reaching their potential. "The doubles teams are coming together," asserted Heyman, whose team has matches at Lawrence on May 5 and Notre Dame on May 8. "They have good days; they have bad days. I think a couple of more matches will really help them."

PHS, which has won four straight Central Jersey Group III sectional crowns, should benefit collectively lrom the stiff competition it faced at the MCT.

"We still have a lot of CVC matches left," said Heyman. "This will give us something to build on."

—Bill Alden

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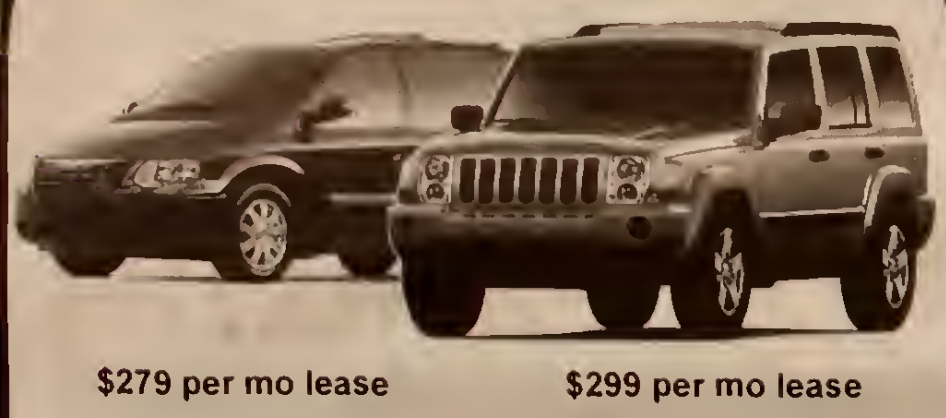
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Overcoming Severe Cramps and Yu, PDS' Holland Wins MCT First Singles

For David Holland, winning the first singles title at the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) was one of his top goals coming into this season.

The lanky sophomore from Princeton Day School came within an eyelash of the crown in 2005 but ran out of gas in falling to Princeton High star Chris Hoeland in the title match.

Holland's determination to fill that hole in his resume, though, was severely tested last Thursday as he battled Jon Yu of Steinert in this year's title clash. Suffering from cramps in his foot and calf, Holland started stretching between points in the first set to get some relief.

After winning the first set 6-3, Holland's cramps spread up his legs to his thighs. The crowd at Mercer County Park gasped as Holland doubled over in pain between points. At one juncture, he took a 10-minute medical break as PDS coach Rome Campbell tried to massage the cramps away.

Conserving his energy and lashing winners when he saw openings, Holland bravely held on for a 6-3, 6-2 triumph.

As he sat courtside afterward, drinking Gatorade and recuperating from the effort, Holland acknowledged that he was games away from abandoning the match.

"It was definitely one of my toughest matches ever," said Holland quietly. "I think at the end if I had lost any more games I would not have been able to go on. I just tried to go for it when I got my shots. I had to go for it; I just couldn't keep hitting it back."

The lefty entered the match against Yu with plenty of motivation. "I lost here in the final last year," recalled Holland, who is 9-0 for PDS this season. "I was a little tired but Chris played well. I was looking forward to the tournament this year; it was one of only two losses I had last year. I wanted to improve on that."

The improvement in Holland's power game helped pull him through against Yu. "My serve has improved," added Holland, who had beaten Lance Goulbourne of Hun 6-4, 6-3 earlier in the day in the semis to advance to the championship match. "I have a little more power on the court. I have a heavier topspin and that helps me in closing out points."

PDS coach Campbell was impressed by Holland's gutsy effort. "It was quite a courageous performance by David Holland," said Campbell, whose club ended up tied for fifth in the team standings with Hopewell Valley. "He was pushed hard in the first set and that took a lot of strength out of him. It was a baseline battle so he was continually pushing off; that sets you up for cramps."

Campbell noted that Holland's ability to hit the ball harder was a major factor in his ability to survive Yu's challenge. "He's put 10-15 m.p.h. on his serve," added Campbell. "He's picked up a lot of pace. The key today in the semifinals was the way he was hitting his slice serve to Lance's backhand."

The Panthers weren't quite as strong collectively at the MCT as they fell short of last year's finish which saw them tie for second in the team standings.

"We had a big injury to Bo Marshall at No. 2 singles and that moved everybody else up," explained Campbell, whose team plays at Pennington on May 3 and at Montgomery on May 4 before hosting Ranney on May 5 and Rutgers Prep on May 9. "Our lineup is weaker than we expected to field."

Nevertheless, Campbell has seen some good play from Dylan Dreher at third singles and Patrick Murphy and Sanjeev Sharma at first doubles which makes him optimistic as the Panthers enter the homestretch looking to win their second straight state Prep B team title.

"That was nice play by Dylan in his first time in this tournament," said Campbell of Dreher, who took fourth in his flight at the MCT.

"He didn't play for our junior program last year. We'd like him to continue improving and expand his game. The first doubles team lost to a very fine Hun team that we had previously beaten in a tiebreaker. They've been playing great doubles; they had some good matches against Princeton High, Peddie, and Hun."

Holland, for his part, will be fine-tuning things so he won't have a repeat of the cramps that nearly knocked him out of the MCT.

"I'm trying to figure out what it was; I might try taking electrolyte pills," said Holland, who will be playing an extensive tournament schedule this summer and hopes to play Division 1 college tennis. "I was really happy to pull that out. I was pretty distracted between points but during the points I had focus."

With the focus he showed last Tuesday, Holland figures to accomplish a lot of his tennis goals.

—Bill Alden

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GUTTING IT OUT: Princeton Day School sophomore star David Holland lashes a backhand last Thursday on his way to a 6-3, 6-2 triumph over Steinert's Jon Yu in the title match in first singles at the Mercer County Tournament. Holland had to overcome severe cramps to earn his first MCT crown. Holland is 9-0 this spring for PDS, which finished tied with Hopewell Valley for fifth place in the MCT team standings. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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IN FOCUS: Hun School tennis star Chris Martin fires a forehand last week at the Mercer County Tournament (MCT). Martin survived a three-set marathon in the semis on his way to earning second at third singles. Martin and his teammates will look to pick up some more wins when they play at St. Joseph's High on May 4 before home matches against Peddie on May 6, Mercersburg on May 7, and Lawrenceville on May 9. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Goulbourne Turns Heads With Powerful Display As Hun Boys' Tennis Places Second at MCT

Lance Goulbourne was an unknown quantity coming into the first singles flight at last week's Mercer County Tennis Tournament.

The 6'6 sophomore from the Hun School is in his first year at the school and is better known in local athletic circles for starring on the school's basketball team.

Goulbourne achieved a slam dunk on the first day of the competition at Mercer County Park as he breezed to straight set wins over third-seeded Shintaro Mori of WW/P-S and Abhilash Babu of Hightstown.

While Goulbourne fell to eventual champion David Holland of Princeton Day School in the semifinal round, he turned plenty of heads in taking third and helping Hun to a second place finish in the team standings behind WW/P-S.

"I think I really showed off my talent," said Goulbourne after finishing off Hopewell Valley's Matt McGranaghan 6-1, 6-2 in the third-pace match. "I'm a big guy; it's pretty hard for the other guys to match my power."

Goulbourne, a native of Brooklyn, acknowledged that he is a busy guy as he tries to juggle his tennis and basketball commitments,

"It's really hard, there are conflicts," said Goulbourne, who played in a basketball tournament in Texas the weekend before the MCT.

"Basketball is my main sport but I've been playing tennis since I've been three years old. I just picked up basketball two years ago but I'm going to college for it."

In Goulbourne's view, the two sports complement each other. "They both help each other," said Goulbourne. "The tennis helps my footwork and the basketball helps with stamina, running back and forth."

Hun head coach Chris Kingston is happy that Goulbourne has decided to stick with high school tennis.

"He is very talented," said Kingston referring to Goulbourne. "He hasn't played tennis in a year due to basketball and some pretty serious injuries. He broke his wrist on the first day of school this year and last summer he had a stress fracture in his foot."

With Goulbourne dealing with those kind of obstacles, Kingston was proud of how he performed at the MCT. "He's still working his way back, he had a good tournament," added Kingston. "I couldn't ask for anything more from him."

Hun also got good tournaments out of Chris Martin, the second-place finisher at third singles, and the duo of Ren Gates and Jack Barrett, who took second at second doubles.

"Chris Martin had a great tournament," asserted Kingston. "He fought off a couple of match points in the semifinal. He persevered; he competed. The second doubles played very well until the finals."

Kingston did admit to a tinge of disappointment considering that his club was first in the team standings coming into the semifinals last Thursday.

"It's disappointing to lose when you're winning halfway through," said Kingston, whose club scored 27 points compared to the 32 piled up by WW/P-S.

"We knew that we really had our work cut out for us; WW/P-S is good. We were close but you're not going to win if you don't have one player win any flight."

Hun is looking to build on its performance at the MCT as it plays at St. Joseph's High on May 4 before home matches against Peddie on May 6, Mercersburg on May 7, and Lawrenceville on May 9.

"There are a lot of positives coming out of this," said Kingston. "We've got some big, big matches ahead of us. I'm not so worried about us winning or losing; I just want the guys to play intelligently and play tough."

Goulbourne is ready to play tough the rest of the spring. "I'm angry I didn't win this tournament," maintained Goulbourne.

"That's fuel for me to play better the rest of the season. I want to help my team right now and do my best so everybody can feed off of that and win together."

—Bill Alden

BLAST OFF: Hun School sophomore Lance Goulbourne blasts a serve last week on his way to taking third in first singles at the Mercer County Tournament (MCT). Goulbourne's performance helped Hun take second in the MCT team standings with 27 points, five behind champion WW/P-S.

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Stuart Field Hockey's Gaudioso Radvany Stars for U.S. Team on Netherlands Trip

Jackie Gaudioso Radvany wasn't at her best when the Stuart Country Day lacrosse team faced Morristown-Beard recently.

While the talented freshman scored a goal as the Tartans dropped a 9-8 decision, she was a tired player that day.

Her fatigue, though, was mixed with a feeling of accomplishment as she had just returned from a 10-day tour of the Netherlands playing for the USA Field Hockey U16 Futures Elite team.

Gaudioso Radvany was one of just 16 players from across the country chosen for the team which included two players from New Jersey. The selection was based on her play in the Junior Olympics this summer and her subsequent performance on the Olympic Development Squad (ODS).

BRIGHT FUTURE: Stuart Country Day freshman star Jackie Gaudioso Radvany races up the field with the ball playing in an elite competition for New Jersey. Last month, Gaudioso Radvany went on a 10-day tour of the Netherlands playing for the USA Field Hockey U16 Futures Elite team. Gaudioso Radvany quickly made her presence felt among the elite company, scoring three goals to emerge as the U.S. team's second-leading scorer in an international tournament at Valkenswaard. She is playing this spring for the Stuart lacrosse team.

The speedy Gaudioso Radvany quickly made her presence felt among the elite company, scoring three goals to emerge as the U.S. team's second-leading scorer in an international tournament at Valkenswaard. The U.S. team finished fourth overall, after being edged 1-0 in the semis and falling in a shootout in the third-place contest.

For Gaudioso Radvany, the final result was secondary to the lessons she learned from the experience.

"It was pretty good competition, the girls were really skilled," said Gaudioso Radvany, noting that the team played several training games before heading to Valkenswaard for its Annual International Easter Tournament. "It was tough keeping up with the other teams.

By the last stage of the competition, Gaudioso Radvany had reached a comfort level. "I got the hang of things by the final weekend," asserted Gaudioso Radvany. "I had more confidence against that level of competition. Playing internationally, you get to see different styles of play."

Gaudioso Radvany got to experience some different things off the field as well. "We travelled to Amsterdam and we did a lot of shopping," said Gaudioso Radvany with a laugh. "We stayed in a hostel the first part of the trip and then we were in a hotel. It was great getting the time to hang out with my teammates."

Playing for a U.S. coaching staff which included Cal head coach Shellie Onstead and Maryland assistant Tjerk van Herwaarden also enhanced Gaudioso Radvany's growth as a player.

"It definitely helps my technique," said Gaudioso Radvany, who plans to compete again in the Junior Olympics this summer and hopes to play field hockey in college for a Division I school. "It keeps me open to new ways of doing things."

As she moves forward in her field hockey career, Gaudioso Radvany is looking to improve the way she does things.

"My shot is strong and I know what to do in the open field," said Gaudioso Radvany, who helped the Stuart field hockey team win the Mercer County Tournament last fall. "I need to get my game more mature. I want to play at the best level I can."

Even though it might have resulted in a little jet lag upon her return to the U.S., Gaudioso Radvany's jaunt to the Netherlands was a big step in that direction. **—Bill Alden**

Bruvik Celebrates 17th Birthday in Style But Stuart Lax Needs Others to Step Up

Kelly Bruvik hit the field last Saturday for the Stuart Country Day lacrosse team looking to have a big day as she celebrated her 17th birthday.

The speedy midfielder treated herself and her teammates to a gift as she exploded for eight goals and two assists against visiting Hopewell Valley.

But Bruvik didn't get everything she wanted on her special day as the Tartans lost to powerful HoVal 16-13.

"We played well," said Bruvik, readying to eat a piece of a birthday cake. "The transition was good today and our goalie played really well. We worked the crease well today; we hit a lot of spots.

While the Tartans' output marked a season-high in goals to that point, Bruvik acknowledged that the club still has room to grow offensively.

"I think our freshmen are getting more comfortable asking for the ball," said Bruvik. "I still think that we have to work on making everybody on the attack aggressive."

Bruvik, for her part, is looking to spark things with her dashes up the middle of the field. "I feel like things were wide open and we got goals off the transition," added Bruvik.

"I like being in the middle, being involved and making things happen. I like getting the draw and then going down the field."

While Stuart head coach Sara Wagner appreciated Bruvik's production, she knows that her team needs to develop other weapons up front.

"Kelly is an offensive spark, she works real hard for us," said Wagner, who got six more goals from Bruvik last Monday as the Tartans topped Pennington 18-8 to improve to 4-6 on the season.

"She is doing a lot because we're not feeling confident on attack. They all need to be scoring goals. Again today, we didn't execute that. I think something is holding them back; they need to have the confidence."

Wagner is gaining more and more confidence in her two young standouts Elizabeth Bucklee and Caroline Passano.

"Elizabeth Bucklee did a nice job today; she is starting to get confidence," added Wagner, whose club has won three of its last four games and will host Moorestown Friends on May 3, play at Princeton High on May 8, and then host Princeton Day School on May 9. "Bucklee and Passano are just freshmen so that's exciting."

Stuart's defense was less than exciting in the loss to HoVal. "I don't think our defense played very well," asserted Wagner with a frown. "I think that we didn't do the fundamentals we know how to do.

The Tartans will have to use their brains to get itself in position to defend its state Prep B title. "We've been stressing being smart and thinking the game,: said Wagner. "We didn't do that today. I think we have taken steps in the right direction. We thought we were in pretty good shape today but we had too many mental lapses and turnovers; we just can't have it."

Bruvik believes Stuart can't emulate last season's stretch drive which saw it win seven of its last nine games on its way to the Prep B title.

"We had a really hard beginning of the season, we played some tough teams like Lawrenceville and Hun," said Bruvik.

"We have quite a few Prep B games left. This was a good test, HoVal is a good team, they're right there with Morristown-Beard or any prep team."

—Bill Alden

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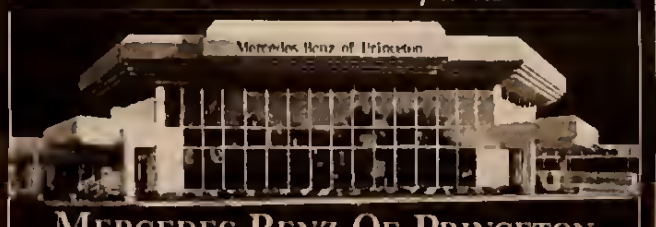

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PHS

Softball: Unable to slow WW/P-S' batters, PHS fell 12-5 to the Pirates last Friday. Sue Westock had two RBIs in a losing cause as the Little Tigers fell to 1-10 on the season. PHS hosts Lawrence on May 5 and Notre Dame on May 8.

Boys' Lacrosse: The combination of David Giancola and Tyler Moni up front was lethal once again as PHS crushed Allentown 20-0 last Monday. Giancola tallied five goals while Moni added four as the Little Tigers improved to 8-1. PHS has home games against WW/P-S on May 3, Hunterdon Central on May 8, and Peddie on May 10.

Golf: PHS performed well but came up just short as it finished in a tie for third in the Cherry Valley Invitational last Monday. The Little Tigers had a team score of 228, tying them with East Brunswick behind champion WW/P-S (224) and Immaculata (227). Michael DiMeglio carded a 75 to lead PHS with Jordan Gibbs at 76, Jason Barry at 77, and Peter Teifer at 78. PHS has home matches against Ewing on May 3 and Hopewell Valley on May 4 at Springdale before a road match at Shawnee on May 8.

Girls' Track: Natalie Gengel and Kelly Curtis led the way as PHS topped Ewing (100-40) and WW/P-S (81-59) last week to raise its CVC record to 4-0. Gengel took first in the pole vault, 100 hurdles and 100 dash while Curtis won the high jump and javelin. On Thursday, Gengel soared 11'8 to finish fifth in the girls' pole vault at the Penn Relays.

HUN

Baseball: Sean Pucciarello and Mike Russo both had big hits in a seven-run first inning as Hun went on to top Princeton Day School 8-2 last Monday. Pucciarello hit a two-run double while Russo stroked a two-run single. Jon Chirumbolo got the win on the mound as Hun improved to 8-2 on the season. In upcoming action, the Raiders host Hillsborough High on May 3 and Mercersburg Academy on May 7 in addition to competing in the state Prep A tournament and the Mercer County Tournament.

Softball: Nikki Caplinger and Morgan Cawley produced superb efforts as Hun cruised to an 11-0 win over Pennington last Thursday. Caplinger hurled a no-hitter while Cawley knocked in five runs as the Raiders won their fourth straight to improve to 5-4 on the season. Hun hosts Mercersburg Academy on May 7 in addition to competing in the state Prep A tournament and the Mercer County Tournament.

Boys' Lacrosse: A.J. Blackburn and Matt Loy led the way as Hun topped Peddie 16-12 last Monday in the state Prep A semifinals. Blackburn tallied two goals and five assists while Loy fired in four goals as the Raiders improved to 10-0 on the season. Hun hosts Montgomery High on May 3 and East Brunswick on May 6 before playing at Lawrenceville on May 8 in the state Prep A title game.

Girls' Lacrosse: Mary Stinson had another big day but it wasn't enough as Hun got edged 15-14 by WW/P-N last Monday. Stinson scored five goals and had two assists as the Raiders dropped to 7-4 on the season. Hun has home games against Hill on May 3, Pennington on May 8 and Blair on May 10.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Baseball: Jeff Murdza produced a mound gem to help Lawrenceville to an 8-0 win at Hunterdon Central last Monday. Murdza twirled a one-hitter with 11 strikeouts as the Big Red improved to 11-3 on the season. Lawrenceville plays at Rancocas Valley on May 4 and at Hill on May 6 in addition to competing in the state Prep A tournament.

Boys' Lacrosse: Paul Webber led the way as Lawrenceville routed Blair 16-1 last Monday in the state Prep A semifinals. Webber scored five goals with Van Kruger adding four as the Big Red improved to 13-0. Lawrenceville plays at North Hunterdon on May 3 and at Hill on May 6 before hosting Hun on May 8 in the state Prep A championship game.

PDS

Baseball: Clint O'Brien smacked a homer but it wasn't nearly enough as PDS fell 8-2 at Hun last Monday. Bam Miller took the loss on the mound as the Panthers dropped to 7-4 on the season. PDS plays at Pennington on May 3 and hosts South Hunterdon on May 5 in addition to competing in the state Prep B tournament and Mercer County Tournament.

Softball: Elisa Cichonski and Meg Francfort had big hits in a nine-run sixth as PDS routed Timothy Christian 14-3 last Monday. Cichonski hit a two-run single and Francfort smacked a three-run triple as the Panthers improved to 8-2. PDS hosts WW/P-N on May 4 and plays at Peddie on May 6 in addition to competing in the state Prep B tournament.

Boys' Lacrosse: Paced by Fred Mittnacht, PDS cruised past Oratory Prep 19-6 in the opening round of the state Prep B tournament last Monday. Mittnacht notched four goals and two assists while Justin Mimmo added three as the Panthers improved to 4-6 on the season. The Panthers play at Hillsborough on May 3 and host Hopewell Valley on May 5 in addition to continuing play in the Prep B tournament.

Girls' Lacrosse: Hannah Epstein came up big as PDS topped Rutgers Prep 14-6 last Monday. Epstein scored three goals with Keely Langdon, Katy Briody, Nina Crouse, and Mary Peters chipping in two apiece. In upcoming action, PDS, now 9-1, plays at WW/P-N on May 3, hosts Princeton High on May 5, and then plays at Stuart on May 9.

LASHING OUT: Princeton High junior Colin Sarafin lashes the ball in action last month. Last Friday, PHS dropped a 6-5 decision at WW/P-S to fall to 4-7 on the season. The Little Tigers host Lawrence on May 5 and Notre Dame on May 8 in addition to competing in the Mercer County Tournament.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lawrenceville School Big Red Race May 7

The Lawrenceville School will be holding its third annual Big Red Race at the Lawrenceville School on May 7.

The event features a five-kilometer course beginning at 10:15 a.m. which takes place on a fast, flat, twisting course in and around the Lawrenceville campus.

Children will race a variety of distances starting at 9 a.m. on the outdoor track of the school's Tlihonen Football Field.

All proceeds from the race go directly to support Lawrence Township children who have been selected to attend the Lawrenceville School Camp.

Runners and spectators are encouraged to bring non-perishable, canned food donations for the Big Red Race's Food Drive.

There is a $15 non-refundable pre-registration fee for adults ($18 for those who register on race day). Pre-registration for high school students is $10 ($12 for those who register on race day).

There is no fee for the children's races, but participants instead are asked to bring food donations in lieu of an entry fee.

For additional information and to register for the Big Red Race, please visit www.BigRedRace.com, call 609-912-1911, or e-mail BigRedRace@lawrenceville.org.

PGSA Softball Recent Results

In action last week in the Princeton Girls Softball Association's (PGSA) minors division, the Sapphires beat the Diamonds 6-0. Isabella Hyun pitched a strong game for the Sapphires while Annika Lee, Breyana Greats, and Sarah Eisenach chipped in key hits. The Diamonds got strong efforts at the plate from Sophia Menos and Stephanie Wu while Taylor Nehlig sparkled defensively at shortstop and catcher.

Princeton Little League Recent Results

In action last Wednesday in the Princeton Little League majors division, the Sidetrax Inc. Yankees blanked McCaffrey's Dodgers 5-0 as Will Kister and Ellis Bloom combined for the shutout.

On Friday, the Ashley Furniture Homestore Mets routed the University Radiology White Sox 19-2 with Jacob Eisenberg getting the win on the hill for the Mets.

In games on Saturday, the Mrmarketishuge.com Red Sox blanked the Ashley Furniture Homestore Mets 11-0 as David Bronsteen and Clay Censits combined on a no-hitter. Michael Irving, Robert Hrabchak, and Tim Vasseur all had big hits for the Red Sox.

The McCaffrey's Dodgers earned a doubleheader sweep of the Corporate Synergy Phillies. The Dodgers took the opener 9-7 as Peter Schulman and Alex Pecora handled the pitching duties. The Dodgers completed the sweep with a 14-6 triumph in game two as Steve Sipprelle starred on the mound.

Last Monday, the Dodgers kept up their hot play as they defeated Ashley Furniture Homestore Mets 8-4 behind the pitching of Ben Davis and George Blinick. In other action Monday, the University Radiology White Sox defeated the Mrmarketishuge.com Red Sox, 4-1 Chris Harwood got the victory for the White Sox, striking out 8 of the first 9 Red Sox batters he faced.

May 7 Open House To Honor Jordan

Friends and supporters of recently deceased Bayard Jordan, a legend in Princeton tennis circles, are holding an open house on May 7 at the Princeton Indoor Tennis Center on Washington Road in Princeton Junction as a kick-off to a scholarship fund to be created in Jordan's name.

The event, called "Remembering Bayard Jordan," will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On-court activities are planned and a book will be available for people to recount their favorite memories of Jordan. There will also be a video presentation and refreshments will be served.

All donations will go toward a perpetual scholarship fund to help children learn to play tennis in a camp experience. Donations may be mailed to the Princeton Tennis Program, 1330 Route 206, Village Shopper Plaza, Skillman, N.J. 08558. Applications will be available at the May 7 event and through the Princeton Tennis Program at (609) 924-4343.

Jordan, who died this past January, was a janitor at Princeton University for 37 years and was committed to making tennis accessible to all. He was a fixture at the Community Park courts and taught countless people how to play the game, espousing a philosophy based on doing one's best and playing fair. Jordan was inducted into the Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame in 1996.

Tee to Green Club Young Outing May 6

The Tee To Green Golf Club will be holding its first annual Pete Young Sr. Memorial Golf Outing on May 6 at the Princeton Country Club.

Young was a founder of the Tee To Green Club, a social organization started six years ago to promote fun through the game and camaraderie between its members. Young was a staunch community activist who had a positive impact on youth through sports.

The golf outing will start at 8 a.m. and will utilize as Two-Man scramble format. There will be a dinner following the event at the Masonic Temple on 30 MacLean Street in Princeton.

The entry fee is $110 per golfer with businesses and individuals encouraged to be sponsors for amounts ranging from $50 to $500. For more information on the event, call Freddy Young at (609) 393-4595; Leighton Newlin at (609) 731-6576; Roland Snead at (609) 278-4336; or Tommy Williams at (609) 915-5231.

Men's Summer Hoops Meeting Now on May 4

The Princeton Recreation Department will host a managers' meeting for its men's summer basketball league on May 4 at 6:30 p.m., rescheduling it from the original May 2 date.

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Failure to evaluate fall risk is a major "misstep" in the treatment of seniors. Most people think of falling as an inevitable part of aging, but recent findings suggest that while risk factors may increase with aging, proper evaluation and treatment can greatly reduce falling in seniors. Seniors know that a fall is one of the greatest threats to their much-treasured independence. Falls can cause a serious physical injury, such as a fracture or head trauma. But a fall also leads to a fear of falling again, which can result in a loss of confidence, which in turn causes many seniors to decrease their activity. This can create a vicious cycle of increased weakness, joint stiffness, and an increased frailty, which leads to an even further decrease in activity, and possibly even the need to give up independent, community dwelling.

A number of factors can precipitate a fall. Medical disorders, such as Parkinson's Disease, stroke, vision problems, and even arthritis can certainly be to blame, but extrinsic, or environmental factors must be considered as well, such as tripping on a rug or falling in the shower. Certain medications can be responsible for a fall as well, as they may reduce alertness or cause dizziness. Sometimes, it is difficult to tell whether it is the medical problem or the medication the patient takes for it that is to blame for a fall.

Proper evaluation can enable seniors and their physicians to take steps to reduce the risk of a fall. Is there a history of previous falls? If so, the circumstances must be examined closely. Were environmental hazards involved, such as flooring or stairways? Did the patient experience any symptoms prior to falling, such as dizziness or palpitations? What medical problems does the patient have and what medications is he/she taking for them?

The Princeton and Rutgers Neurology Dizziness and Balance Center in Monroe Township is dedicated to evaluating fall risk in seniors with an emphasis on prevention. Its staff of neurologists and physical therapists go beyond diagnosing and treating neurological disorders. They treat the whole person, and plan a strategy for reducing risk factors and therefore the number of falls and fall-related injuries. The strategy may include physical therapy programs tailored to meet the patient's specific needs, review and modification of medication usage, advise on use of assistive devices that provide stability, such as walkers or canes, and even evaluation of environmental hazards, and how to eliminate them.

The Dizziness and Balance Center is located at 9 Center Drive, Bldg. #9, Suite #130, Monroe Township. For an appointment, call 609-395-7615. Visit the office website at princetonandrutgersneurology.com

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OBITUARIES

William J. Noonan

William J. Noonan, 80, of Princeton and Indian Wells, Calif., died April 24 at his California residence.

Born in St. Louis, he graduated from McBride High School and joined the U.S. Marine Corps as a private. While in the Marine Corps, he attended Officer Candidate School and the Armed Forces Psychological Warfare School. During World War II, he served as an infantryman in the South Pacific.

After being discharged from the corps as a captain, he returned to school, attending Louisiana Tech and St. Louis University Law School. After graduation, he worked as a newspaper reporter for The St. Louis Star-Times and radio newscaster for KXOK. He returned to duty in 1950 as an Officer Candidate School instructor during the Korean War.

Following his military service, he started his career as an account executive with Merrill Lynch in his hometown. After completing management training, he was named office manager in Waco, Texas. He became the Southwest regional director in 1975; was named to the newly-created position of resident executive in 1985; and retired in 1991.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy (Butz) Haberstroh.

A funeral Mass was held May 1 at St. Paul's Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross; Hands Together; Eden Family of Services; or Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Arrangements were by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Teresa L. Honnen

Teresa L. Honnen, 53, of Trenton, died April 20 after a courageous battle against cancer.

Born in California, she was an artist, clothing designer, and tailor. Her business, The Traveling Tailor, served many clients in Princeton. She was previously the tailor for the Jaeger store in Palmer Square until it closed.

Her paintings were exhibited in many shows in Mercer County.

She is survived by her father, Lewis Honnen; her husband, J.C. Sarpong; a son, Joey Hawkins; and a granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held this Saturday, May 6 at 5 p.m. at The Hughes Funeral Home, 324 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton. The viewing will be from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the family will be deeply appreciated.

Richard D. Richey

Richard David Richey, 81, of West Windsor, died April 29 at the Princeton Care Center.

Born in Lamkershim, Calif., he moved to West Windsor in 1933 when his parents, the late Commander and Mrs. Joseph Richey, built their home Oaklynn in Grover's Mill.

He was a graduate of The Metropolitan School of Furniture Finishing, where he became a certified master restorer and refinisher of fine antiques. He was the owner of The Little Old Mill on Grover's Mill Pond.

He was a Pathfinder parachutist in the 101st Airborne during World War II and in the 94th Troop Carrier Squadron. He received seven bronze stars, two purple hearts, a Senior Parachutist Pin, Combat Infantry Badge, Sharp Shooter Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the French Croix de Guerre. He fought in seven battles which included Southern France, the Normandy Invasion, Rome-Arno, Northern France, Germany, Ardennes, and Rhineland.

He was a volunteer at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen for many years and a member of the American Legion and VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Mazzella Richey; three children, Beverley Richey Toto of Pennington, Deborah Richey of Pennington, and R. David Richey Jr. of Solebury, Pa.; a sister, Maria Cordis of Georgian Court College, Lakewood; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call today, May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

The funeral service and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Robert A. Winters Memorial Service

A memorial service for Robert Alonzo Winters (1912-2006) will be held at Princeton University Chapel on Saturday, May 27 at 1 p.m.

RELIGION

Princeton Area Church Women United will hold its annual May Friendship Day worship service this Friday, May 5 at noon at All Saints' Episcopal Church on All Saints' Road.

This year's Friendship Day theme centers around the 50th Anniversary of the "Tradition of the Least Coin." The celebration will include sharing the light of Jesus' love and honoring the children who will be sponsored by the summer camp offering.

People of all faiths are invited; lunch will be served.

For more information, call (609) 759-3442.

Trinity Church of Rocky Hill will hold a rummage sale this Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations will be accepted today, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Church Hall.

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For more information, call Janet Smith at (908) 359-6865.

Trinity Church is located on Crescent Avenue.

String of Pearls, the Reconstructionist Synagogue of Princeton, will host an adult education program tomorrow, May 4 at 7:30 p.m., titled "The Rescuers of the Holocaust." The talk will be held at the Princeton home of Jane Milrod and Bill Jemas.

The presenter, Dr. Vera Goodkin, a native of Czechoslovakia and professor emerita, is a child survivor of the Holocaust who was rescued by the Swedish humanitarian Raoul Wallenberg. She will speak about the rescuer personality, using her rescuer and Nicky Winton, the British stockbroker who saved the lives of 496 Czech Jewish children, as her prime subjects. Dr. Goodkin is the author of a recently published family memoir, *In Sunshine and In Shadow: We Remember Them.*

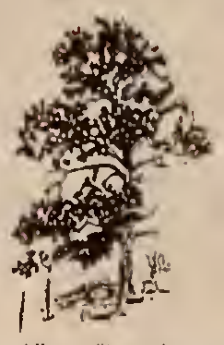
For reservations, call (609) 683-8787.

Two New York groups, both named Maya Quetzal, will present a program of marimba music and folk dances from their native Guatemala at **Nassau Presbyterian Church** this Saturday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to the free program, which celebrates the national instrument of Guatemala, the marimba, and the Latino heritage. The marimba players will play popular Latin American music in a variety of styles. The dancers will perform Guatemalan regional dances to a marimba accompaniment. The two groups recently performed together at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

A dessert reception will follow. Admission is $10 per adult or $30 for a family. Funds from the reception and from a freewill offering received at the performance will support the Princeton-Parramos Partnership, now in its fifth year. The partnership brings together American volunteers and Maya families at Valley of the Pines Educational Center in Parramos, Chimaltenango, Guatemala. The American group, sponsored by Nassau Presbyterian Church, will work at the school in July. Funds raised during the benefit will pay for educational materials and building renovations.

For more information, call Jonathan Holmquist at (609) 771-3744 or the church office at (609) 924-0103.



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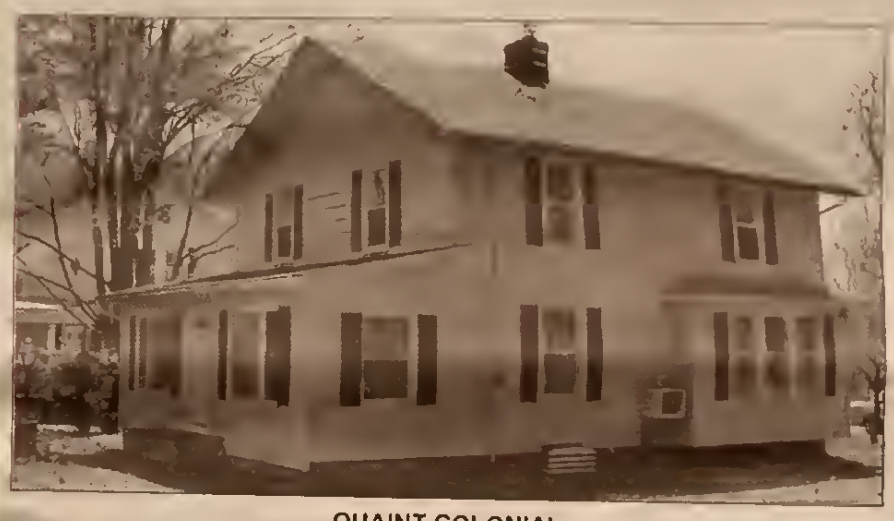

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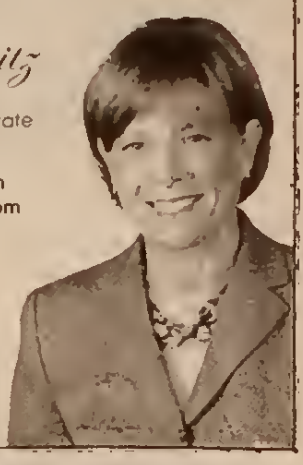

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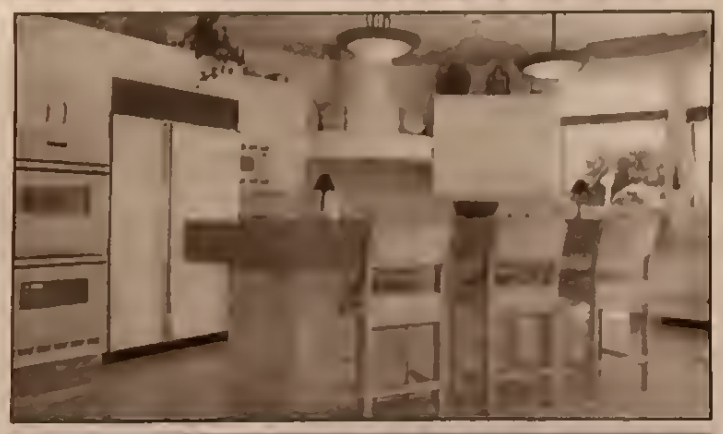

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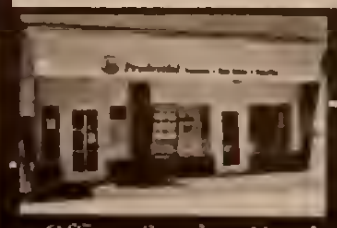

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Just up the street from the historic Princeton Battlefield and centered in the sunny heart of its 1.27 acres, this Colonial is sheltered by majestic evergreen trees once part of the arboretum of the historic Pyne estate now known as Drumthwacket, the governor's mansion. The house, its construction completed in 2005, brings the familiar graciousness, fine finishes and elegant simplicity of the Colonial tradition to a floor plan that invites a seamless passage between the formal and the informal, family spaces and those for entertaining. Light from the sidelights framing the front door spills onto the lustrous wood floor as it continues into the living room detailed with a fireplace with slate surround, its crown molding and richly banded chair-rail also detailing the dining room. The spacious family room also offers a slate surround fireplace and, adjoining, is a library/guestroom with full bath. Open to the family room, its delightful breakfast area sharing the beautiful windowed wall, the expansive kitchen features a tumbled marble backsplash and granite counters. Adjoining, a slate-floor side entrance has powder and laundry rooms, a built-in desk area with cabinetry, and a private staircase leading to a secluded bedroom with bath. On the second floor, the master bedroom suite with deep tray ceiling and marble master bath, and three bedrooms, each with their own bath. An inviting sitting area boasts a large window defined by a rich easement. $2,250,000

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